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LA FOLLETTE GOES AFTER OHIO VOTE

Wisconsin Candidate for Presidential Nomination Invades President's Home State

SPEAKS AT YOUNGSTOWN

Keynote of Campaign Delivered at Cleveland Today; Clapp Is Campaigning

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Before a great crowd at the Youngstown Opera House, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, opened the progressive campaign in President Taft's own state today with a plain, vigorous exposition of the results that have been accomplished in Wisconsin by the policies that he taught and practiced.

"The progressive movement today," he said, "is as surely an outgrowth of conditions as was the revolution of the civil war. It is a people's movement, a people's cause."

Wisconsin Sets Pace

"The nation has profited by Wisconsin's civic evolution. In the beginning our program of legislation was viewed with alarm and denounced as extreme and radical. Today it has conquered the opposition and compelled approval in every enlightened commonwealth in America."

A cold wave accompanied by a driving snow swept Youngstown today but a great crowd turned out to welcome La Follette. Two hours before the meeting the lobby of the hotel where he stopped was crowded to the limit, while scores stood in the cold outside to get a glimpse of the progressive leader. His speech was greeted with cheers and shouts of approval.

Restore Self Government

After reviewing the work in Wisconsin, La Follette said:

"The question before us now is whether the people of more than 100 years of this republic shall have the power to control their own government. I know the people of our own time can do what the revolutionary fathers did, restore self-government, and do it by the ballot."

The progressive movement stands for the nomination of officers from president down to coroner by the people at the primaries. The present system means that the voter entrusts his suffrage to a precinct delegate, who passes it along to a city delegate, who gives it to a district delegate, who in turn hands it to a state delegate, who finally trades it for something he wants himself."

La Follette then launched into an exposition of the principles of the initiative, referendum and recall.

Favors Recall of Judges

"I am in favor of the recall of judges," he said. "I have as high respect for the judiciary as any man, but I do not believe that the judiciary is sanctified."

"There have been corrupt judges, you know it and I know it."

"And I say that one of the greatest menaces to society is a crooked judge. If they are honest in their work, they would not be disturbed under the recall."

La Follette said he would advocate a greater percentage of signatures necessary to a recall election on a judgeship than for other offices, and the period before election longer to guard against passing passion.

"I might be in favor of a referendum on court decisions, too," he added. "When a judge decides a constitutional question the people ought to have the right to vote whether that decision shall stand, because they framed the constitution and should have the final right to interpret it."

"If you let federal incorporation, federal sanction, fasten the over-capitalization of the trusts upon us, then you will never get relief from high prices and from industrial bondage."

Every phase of the progressive movement will be discussed by La Follette while in Ohio. His speeches will cover ground from the history of Wisconsin to discussion of the tariff, the supreme court decisions on the Standard Oil and Tobacco trust cases, trusts, federal incorporation and national legislation with respect to organized labor, conservation, and monetary banking reforms.

Offset Taft's Appearance

The progressives admit having timed their big rally in Ohio to offset any sentiment which may be aroused in favor of Taft's renomination following his appearance in Cleveland January 29. On that date Taft is to attend a banquet of the Tippecanoe club and is expected to make his first direct appeal for the nomination and sound the keynote of his campaign.

STOCK FOR EMPLOYEES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Under the annual distribution plan of the United States Steel corporation, \$1,450,000 worth of stock will be acquired by the employees of the trust. The corporation has not announced the prices, but it is understood that it will be somewhat lower than the market quotations.

Richeson's Fiancee A Charity Worker

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—That Miss Violet Edmonds is in the city and will devote the remainder of her life to settlement work here was the statement today of an intimate friend of the Brookline heiress, who was engaged to marry Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, held for murder in Boston.

This friend stated that every effort will be made by her to conceal her identity but that her life work from now on must be among the poor and believes she can be of more service in this city than in Boston.

MADERO LIKELY TO PARDON REYES

Mexican President Has Implicit Faith in Stability of His Own Government

AGED REBEL MAY BE EXILED

Friend of Revolutionist to Preside at Court Martial; Lenient Verdict Is Expected

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—That Madero, having implicit confidence in the stability of his own government, will either pardon General Bernardo Reyes, the revolutionist leader who surrendered on Christmas day, or will place him in prison for only a short time, was the general opinion here today. Madero himself declined to discuss the question and his cabinet officers refused to be quoted. Should the president, after hearing the verdict of the military board which will try Reyes, decide to pardon the aged general, it is thought likely that he will be exiled in Europe, his presence on the American continent being too productive of trouble for the Maderist administration.

Alexander Pezo, Reyes' chief of staff when the latter was minister of war under Diaz, will preside at the court martial of the revolutionist leader. Pezo and Reyes are friendly and it is thought that Pezo will have sufficient influence with the remainder of the court—as yet unnamed—to obtain a lenient verdict. The exact date of the aged general's arrival here has not been announced, but it is believed that he will spend New Year's day in a jail in this city.

Reyes in Retirement

LINARRES, Mexico, Dec. 27.—General Reyes spent the day in retirement declining to see many who claimed to be friends. It was stated that he was "not feeling well" but presidential orders that the general be kept in seclusion until after his trial are believed to be the real reason for his withdrawal into privacy.

SAYS TAFT WON'T BE A CANDIDATE

Lee Declares He Does Not Believe President Will Allow Name to Be Presented

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—There is unusual interest in the meeting of the Indiana republican state committee here today because of Taft and anti-Taft fight now raging in Indiana. The recent statement of State Chairman Edwin M. Lee, that President Taft could not carry Indiana, coupled with his announcement today that he did not believe the president would allow his name to be presented to the coming national convention as a presidential candidate, has divided the state committee in two distinct camps.

Anti-Taft men fought for delay in the reorganization of the committee until the latter part of February. The Taft forces attempt to force the reorganization of the committee early in January. Both sides expressed themselves as confident of winning and there were indications that the vote might stand six to six with State Chairman Lee, anti-Taft leader, holding the balance of power.

The question of presidential primary was also expected to figure in the deliberations this afternoon. State Chairman Lee is quoted as in favor of the idea, while National Committeeman Harry S. New, looked upon as the leader of the Taft forces, is said to be opposed to the primary plan in Indiana, without state laws to safeguard it.

The vote on the reorganization

date was scheduled to come late this afternoon.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE ILL.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Adolph O. Eberhart, wife of the governor of Minnesota, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Swedish hospital here today. Assurance is given that her condition is favorable.

FATHER OF TRUST EXPOSES RECORD

Veeder Testifies to Methods of Beef Combine in Financing Big Deal

HIDDEN PROFITS PAID LOAN

Enormous Load of Watered Stock Prevented the First Merger; Bankers Come to the Rescue

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Albert H. Veeder, "father of the Packers' trust," resumed the witness stand today in the trial of the beef barons, armed with new bundles of contracts and records which the government attorneys will place before the jury.

The chief of these are the contracts leading up to the formation of the Kenwood and Aetna companies, known as the "blind pigs" of the early packers' pool. It was through these corporations that the packers were enabled to control the prices of all dressed meats. Retaining control of their own plant and acting independently, according to the government attorneys, under cover of these companies they dominated the industry prior to the formation of the National Packing company.

Veeder's testimony and the records he produced show that for years prior to the final combination of interests the packers sought a consolidation which they were unable to perfect because of the enormous load of watered stock they intended to carry.

Under examination by Attorney Pierce Butler for the government, Veeder produced the records leading up to the formation of the National Packing company.

Veeder then showed by the records that he handed the government attorneys that after Harriman had refused to advance \$30,000,000 for a beef combine in June, 1902, the packers took the question of financing up with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Jacob H. Schiff, and the Stillman Standard Oil interests, and in December, 1902, these interests advanced sufficient funds to enable the packers to take up their options of all the properties they had obtained. Six months later the National Packing company was launched.

According to District Attorney Wilkerson, the government will show that the loan was repaid out of hidden profits. It is declared that the government will show that while statements showed that one of these National Packing subsidiaries lost \$1,500,000 during its first year, it really made a profit of \$15,000,000 in the three years before the loan was repaid.

ACID DESTROYS SINGER'S BEAUTY

BUCHAREST, Dec. 27.—Crazed by jealousy, Bodna Rescoui, a young Bulgarian, entered the room of Chiriana Giacomo, aged 17, a prominent Italian operatic singer, today and dashed a quantity of vitriol in her face. A pedestrian and two policemen who attempted to capture the man, were shot to death. Rescoui committed suicide near the outskirts of the city when he was about to be surrounded by the police. The young opera singer was removed to a hospital, where doctors are trying to save her sight. She was noted for her beauty.

SNOW TIES UP S. M. FREIGHTS

For the past thirty-two hours the freight traffic on the Southern Minnesota branch of the C. M. & St. P. railroad has been completely tied up, owing to the heavy fall of snow. Since early yesterday morning all freight on this line have been held up and with difficulty passenger trains have been gotten through. A large crew of men with a rotary plow are working on this division, but it is doubtful if it can be cleaned sufficiently to permit the freight traffic before tomorrow.

CONFESSION CALLED FAKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The attempt of John Henry Martin to ease his conscience by confessing to the murder of William H. Mickle, a tobaccoist, a few days ago, landed him in an asylum today instead of in the penitentiary or on the scaffold as he expected. The police already have a suspect, one mysterious James Smith, and they regard the confession of Martin as a fake, despite his remarkably accurate lucid account of the murder.

WOULD STOP WEDDING

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 27.—Miss Gertrude Gardner, 20, is speeding to Berkeley, Cal., to wed her former school mate, Leo M. Smith, a newspaper man. Smith's father is keeping the wires hot asking Berkeley authorities to prevent the marriage, claiming his son is under age. Young Smith's Christmas present to Miss Gardner was a diamond ring and a railroad ticket west. With her parents' consent, she took the next train.

High School Boy Believed Kidnapped

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—Letters and telegrams were sent out by the Denver police department today asking the police of all the large cities of the country to look for Ralph Crabb, the 17 year old high school boy who has been mysteriously missing since December 4. The parents of the lad believed he was simply a victim of wanderlust until a strange woman appeared at the Crabb home and asked for Ralph's clothes. The boy's mother denied the request, but permitted the woman to get away without questioning her. Ralph's father, Prof. I. N. Crabb, instructor in mathematics in East Denver high school, is firm in his belief that his son has been kidnapped by a gang of men and is being held for ransom. The police do not incline to this theory, believing rather that the youth has been lured away by a woman.

VICTIMS TELL OF HIDEOUS ORGIES

Even Gay Paris Is Shocked at Story of White Slave Atrocities of Prominent Men

MOTHERS SELL CHILDREN

Magistrates, Diplomats, Bankers and Manufacturers in Net of Law; Many Flee France

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Nineteen prisoners charged with being implicated in the notorious white slave scandal, were arraigned in the correctional court today. An attempt was made by attorneys for the defense to keep the proceedings secret because of the prominence of several of the accused.

Among the prisoners are Victor Flachon, former editor of "The Lantern," and a close personal friend of Premier Briand; Gaston Alard, a wealthy manufacturer, and Mme. Gullman, who conducted the white slave agency from which the wealthy society men of Paris are alleged to have procured their victims.

In addition to these, several mothers who admit having sold their children, some of whom were only 11 years of age, are among the defendants.

A dozen prominent bankers and government officials have fled from France to escape prosecution in this case.

The most sensational testimony is expected at the trial. Even the Paris newspapers failed to print some of the details of the hideous stories told by the young victims of the prisoners when they were examined by Prefect of Police Lehine.

Mme. Gullman, who conducted the "Nichevo agency," 22 Rue la Bruyere, is alleged to have sold the young girls on a commission basis, giving the mothers of the victims trifling sums.

Flachon owns a number of villas and chateaus in France and the prosecution alleges that most hideous orgies were conducted in them. Neighbors of Flachon have told the police how luxurious automobiles rolled up to the former editor's homes and magistrates, diplomats, bankers and manufacturers stepped out, bearing on their arms girls in their teens. The blinds of Flachon's dwelling were invariably drawn, but the noise of the orgies could be heard for a great distance.

Flachon is said to have exerted powerful pressure upon the officials, through his influential friends, to prevent the proceedings of today's trial being made public.

Because of the sensational nature of the evidence, the trial of the nineteen prisoners will be private. The judge of the court, corrections declared today he made the ruling because the evidence would tend to corrupt public morals, but the real reason is believed to be that powerful pressure was brought to obtain secrecy because of the prominence of several of the accused.

Thaw's Creditors' Claims Are Settled

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 27.—Following a meeting of the creditors of Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, here today, it was determined that dividend checks amounting to 22 per cent of their claims will be mailed Saturday to all of Thaw's creditors.

Thaw's liabilities were in excess of \$300,000. The amount collected for distribution was \$59,963.57.

Most of the claims against Thaw grew out of the trial held in New York, and which resulted in his being committed to the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane. It is contended that Thaw is perfectly sane.

COMMITTEE TO SETTLE DAMAGES

County Board Appoints Committee to Act in Case Industrial Commission Awards for Death

SELECT SANITARIUM SITE

Block on Twenty-first and Market Street Said by the Committee to Afford Ideal Location

At this afternoon's session of the county board a resolution to the effect that the chairman appoint a committee of three members and the district attorney to take full charge of the claims presented against the county by Mrs. Catherine Mackey and Mrs. Millie Nelson for the deaths of their husbands, who were killed while working on the county agricultural school a few months ago, was presented and adopted.

A petition from the people of the town of Holland asking for an appropriation of \$350 for road improvement between the town of Holland and the village of Onalaska was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The committee on ways and means recommended the purchasing of a typewriter for the office of county judge which was unanimously adopted.

The printing committee recommended the adoption of its report on printing. The report was unanimously adopted.

The block bounded by Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets and by Market and Winnebago streets is the one selected by the special committee of the county board as a site for the tuberculosis sanitarium in case the people next April vote to establish one here.

This was in substance the report of the committee rendered at this morning's session of the board.

The block, according to the report, is owned by the J. J. Hogan estate and while the county cannot secure an option on the piece the committee assured the board that J. J. Hogan, Jr., had promised to sell for \$2,000 in case the county wants the site.

No action will be taken, however, until the referendum in April.

Would Insure County

A proposition of the London Guarantee and Accident company of London, England, submitted by E. D. Loomis, the company's local agent, to insure the county against accident and death claims made possible by the Workmen's Compensation act was referred to committees.

The policy, which would insure the county against all claims for injury or death of employees, provides for payments in accord with county payroll. Had the county been insured, according to Loomis, it would not have to pay the claims which the Industrial Commission is expected to order paid in the deaths of Mackey and Nelson, carpenters killed while at work at the county agricultural school.

Contracts on Roads

Supervisor John Kindley submitted a proposition whereby the county highway commissioner would be allowed to advertise for bids and let contracts for dragging county highways. The resolution was referred to the committee on roads and ways and means.

Lemuel Cox, presented a resolution authorizing the printing of the county board proceedings in the Onalaska Record, a weekly paper at that place. Cox's resolution, which was referred to the printing committee, provided that the payment be ten cents per folio.

DYNAMITE FOUND IN LEATHER CASE

ROCHESTER, Pa., Dec. 27.—The police today are investigating the finding of twenty-four sticks of dynamite, twelve caps wrapped in a roll of cotton and ten yards of fuse found in a small leather case in the yards of McDonald & Hartman, dealers in contractors' supplies. The explosive was stored in a local hardware store's magazine.

Rochester is greatly excited over the find owing to the sensation following the arrest of George Bridges, at Monessen, while carrying a suitcase containing seventy-two sticks of dynamite.

Dynamite was found here some months ago, it is alleged, planted by the McNamara brothers for the purpose of blowing up the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad bridge. Since that time the company has had men on guard over the bridge night and day.

CLARK WINS SUPPORT.

KANSAS-CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—It was announced today that a "Clark for President" club, having the backing of the Commercial club and the most prominent business men in this city, will be launched Friday. This is significant from the fact that Kansas City is the home of Senator James A. Reed, a staunch Polk supporter, and this is the first move for Clark in this section.

Family Inoculated With Divorce Germ

RIFCHMOND, Ind., Dec. 27.—Four members of one family all suing for divorce at the same time is the unique condition of domestic affairs in the Cyrus Hicks household.

Cyrus himself has filed a cross bill against the suit instituted against him by his third wife, Anna, a bride of a year, while Iva, his daughter, expects a decree soon in her suit for divorce from William Wood. William Hicks, a son of Cyrus, has also instituted proceedings for divorce from his wife.

MANCHU PRINCES WOULD ABDICATE

Chinese Rebels Hold Whip

Hand in Peace Negotiations with Representatives of Dynasty

YUAN SHI KAI WILL RESIGN

Revolutionists Refuse to Accept Republic Under Terms of the Premier

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai is considering the advisability of resigning as soon as he makes the best terms possible with the revolutionists, according to a dispatch today from Peking.

Several Manchu princes have told the premier, the dispatch says, that they are ready to abdicate, realizing that to hold out for the retention of the present dynasty would be in vain. Yuan is reported to be dissatisfied with the conduct of his representative in the peace conference, Tang Shao Wi. He believes that Tang has turned traitor to the imperialists and is "fishing" for the presidency of the proposed republic.

Well informed Japanese believe Yuan Shi Kai's proposed plan of holding a convention of delegates from all the provinces to decide upon the form of the future government, will fail. It is believed here the revolutionists are too impatient to await the convention which would require many weeks to assemble. In addition, the rebels fear Yuan is only playing for time in the hope that he may be able to float a big loan which would enable him to bolster up the imperial army.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A special dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the present hitch in the Chinese peace negotiations is due to Yuan Shi Kai's demand that he be elected president of the republic for ten years. The revolutionists refuse to accept a republican government under this condition, insisting that the people must choose their own chief executive.

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STRIKERS BLAMED FOR FOUR WRECKS

Suburban System of Illinois Central Under Police Guard; Strikers Deny Charges

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The entire suburban system of the Illinois Central railroad is under guard by police and private detectives today as a result of the wrecking of three passenger trains and a freight and an alleged attempt to wreck a fourth passenger train. No one was seriously injured.

The company officials place the blame for the series of wrecks which occurred between five and eight thirty p. m. last evening on the striking shop employees and called upon Chief of Police Schnettler for assistance. A police guard was sent out.

Leaders of the striking employees resent the charge that strikers caused the wrecks and assert that the bad condition of the railroad equipment was the cause. Many engines and cars, they claim, have not been overhauled for months because of the failure of the company to replace the striking shopmen.

FIRE TRAGEDY CASE DRAWS TO CLOSE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Whether Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, owners of the Triangle Shirtwaist company, are to be punished for the death of 142 persons in the fire that destroyed their plant, will be known late this afternoon.

When their trial for manslaughter was resumed today, Assistant District Attorney Bostwick began the initial summing up for the people. He was followed by Max D. Steuer for the prisoners, and the closing argument was made by Assistant District Attorney Rubin.

Each side was permitted two hours for argument, after which Judge Marcus charged the jury.

ARISTOCRACY TO BLAME IF A WAR IS DECLARED

Foreign Office Conducts International Policies in Disregard to Democratic Spirit

SAYS WAR IS PROBABILITY

This Is Declaration of Labor Party Leader in England's House of Commons

ONLY RICH ARE DIPLOMATS

Scions of Effete European Nobility Hold Sway Over International Policies

(By Ed. L. Keen, London Correspondent United Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 27.—"War between England and Germany, if it comes—and it is more than likely it will come—will be due to the sins of the British foreign office, which is made up of men of aristocratic leanings who have conducted the country's international policies with utter disregard to the British spirit of democracy."

This is the view voiced today to the United States by J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor party in the house of commons, in an interview in which he throws new light on the circumstances leading up to the present delicate situation between the two great powers and justifies the campaign now being conducted by himself and his colleagues for the regeneration of the foreign office.

Continuing, MacDonald said: "Public opinion in England is not anti-German, however frequently it may suffer from German scares; official opinion is. Public opinion is not pro-Russian, official opinion is. That shows where the roads between the national policy and the foreign policy separate."

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"If we had house of commons control, we could check these aristocratic officials. But now all the stupid 'wise' men and stupid 'wise' newspapers in the country say to the stupid 'wise' readers, who believe them: 'We must allow our foreign (Continued on Page 6, col. 3)'"

WEATHER

For La Crosse and vicinity: Fair and continued cold tonight; Thursday probably fair and not so cold.

For Wisconsin: fair today and Thursday; colder tonight.

For Minnesota and Iowa: Fair and continued cold tonight; Thursday probably fair and not so cold.

WESTERN NEWS

The storm that passed through this section yesterday is central this morning east of the upper lakes. It caused general rain or snow from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast and higher temperature in the Atlantic states. The total snowfall at this station was ten inches. Another storm is developing on the north Pacific slope, and rain and snow is falling in that section this morning. An area of high pressure overlies the Rocky mountain districts and plains states and there has been a decided drop in temperature from Manitoba and the upper lakes to the gulf states. Zero temperatures are recorded this morning from the Dakotas and Minnesota, to western Kansas. The lowest temperature reported within the states was 14 degrees below zero at Williston, and in the Canadian northwest, 24 at Minnedosa. The minimum at this station was 3 degrees above zero. The weather continues unsettled east of the Mississippi valley with rain or snow at many stations; Throughout the plains states and Rocky mountain districts it is generally clear and cold. Fair and continued cold weather is indicated for this section tonight; Thursday will probably be fair and not quite so cold.

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HUNT FOR HEAD IS A BIG TASK

National Drainage Congress
Has Problem in Select-
ing President; Want
Big Figure
SEVERAL ARE SUGGESTED
None Elected as Yet; Wait
to Get Man Not Ham-
pered by Local Afil-
liations

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The most immediate task of national significance confronting the recently organized national drainage congress, is the selection of a president. The reclamation of 75,000,000 acres of swamp lands is a gigantic project; from what section of the country will he come who shall head the organization which shall urge the matter upon congress and the nation.

When the congress was organized and held its first session in Chicago during the nineteenth national irrigation congress, the office of president was left unfilled. Edmund T. Perkins of Chicago, president of the American reclamation federation, and chairman of the organization meeting, was offered the presidency but he declined, stating that the congress needed in that place a man of national reputation, independent of any and all business considerations, unhampered by politics or business necessities. Mr. Perkins was elected first vice president and is the acting president of the congress.

Colonel E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries of South Carolina, was also nominated for the presidency, but he asked that his name be withdrawn for the same reason mentioned by Mr. Perkins and because his duties as a state official of South Carolina would not allow him the time necessary to satisfactorily fill the position. Col. Watson was named as second vice president.

The names suggested to the committee as presidential possibilities were Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, John M. Parker of New Orleans, Edward Wisner of New Orleans, Pearl Wight of New Orleans, George Maxwell of the Pittsburgh flood commission, Senator Williams of Mississippi, Speaker Champ Clark of Missouri, etc.

The drainage question as related to the public health will be given a prominent part in the work of the congress, and the federal congress will be urged to create a national commission to make surveys, estimates of cost and work out a comprehensive plan of drainage in cooperation with the various states. Because of the fact that the swamp areas are breeding places for disease, and their reclamation is as much a matter of public health as of agricultural gain, Mr. Knight and Col. Watson suggested Col. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., in charge of sanitation in the canal zone, for third vice president, subject to his acceptance and the approval of the secretary of War. Col. Gorgas' advice and counsel, it was stated, would be invaluable in working out the drainage task. His decision is not yet known.

The nineteenth irrigation congress, at its session in Chicago, adopted a resolution calling upon the federal congress to appoint a national drainage commission. President Fowler of that congress stated that the drainage movement would have his support and the support of all irrigation men and patriotic citizens. Prof. Sprague of California made similar statements.

The third national drainage congress will be held in Charleston, S. C., in January or February, 1913, concurrent with the holding of the national corn show at Columbia, in that state.

It is Criminal to Neglect the Skin and Hair

THINK of the suffering entailed by neglected skin troubles—mental because of disfigurement, physical because of pain. Think of the pleasure of a clear skin, soft, white hands, and good hair. These blessings, so essential to happiness and even success in life, are often only a matter of a little thoughtful care in the selection of effective remedial agents. Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment do so much for poor complexions, red, rough hands, and dry, thin and falling hair, and cost so little, that it is almost criminal not to use them.

Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a postal to "Cuticura," Dept. B, Boston, will secure a liberal sample of each, with 32-page booklet on Skin and Scalp Treatment.

ONALASKA, WIS.

Miss Luella and Anna French of St. Paul, Minn., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George French.

W. E. Sprieter left for West Concord, Minn., Saturday morning to spend a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Balmer entertained the faculty of the Agricultural

school Wednesday evening. A very pleasant time was spent.

Miss Luella Westeraas came from Wabasha, Friday to spend the holidays with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burke spent Sunday with relatives at La Crosse.

Miss Rae Johnson who is teaching school at Rushford, arrived home on Friday night to spend her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Merrill, Miss

Nell Merrill and Martin Cordero of St. Paul, came Saturday to spend a few days at the home of A. A. Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Richmond and daughter, Adah, went to Eyota, on Saturday to spend a week with relatives.

Prof. P. L. Johnson of St. Paul, formerly a teacher of the Agricultural school here, spent the holidays at the home of A. A. Merrill.

C. E. Aiken of Janesville, Wis., arrived Saturday to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Aiken.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bartholomew entertained about twenty of their friends at their home Saturday evening in honor of their third wedding anniversary. Cards furnished the amusement for the evening.

Lula Bucklin, who is teaching at Glenwood, Wis., came Saturday to spend a week with her parents.

Charles Roesner of Charles City, Iowa, spent Sunday at the home of E. L. Childs.

P. W. Piers and family and Mrs. Anna Randall and son returned from Fountain City Tuesday where they spent the holidays.

Lew Whitbeck came from Plainview, Minn., Monday night to visit relatives a few days.

W. C. B. Showers and family of Elroy, Wis., are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mailer and daughter Catherine, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Mailer at Galesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall and son of Rochester, Minn., came Saturday to spend the holidays with the former's parents.

John C. Aiken returned to his work at St. Paul, Minn., Monday evening, after spending a couple of days with his parents here.

Stewart Gedney of Waterville, Minn., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Scott of Minneapolis, are spending the week at the home of A. E. Smith.

Miss Mollie Gedney who is attending the University at Madison, came Saturday to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Knudson of Coon Valley, Wis., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Pooler.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ganter of Cloquet, Minn., came Friday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. J. E. Williams, who was stricken with paralysis a couple of months ago and removed to the St. Francis hospital at La Crosse, has been taken to Milwaukee, where she will stay with her daughters.

Otto Moos accompanied her. Mrs. Williams' condition is somewhat improved.

Arthur Olson of St. Paul, is spending the holidays with friends and relatives here.

Arthur Moos came Saturday from Lorain, Ohio, to visit his folks a week.

Miss Lillian Nelson of Taylor, who is attending the Agricultural school here, went Lome Saturday to spend her vacation.

The Agricultural Senior basketball team played the Trempealeau High Friday evening at the latter place and were defeated, the final score being 20 to 3.

Miss Cora Gjestvang of this city and Sigurd Severson of La Crosse, were married at Minneapolis Dec. 15. They will reside in North La Crosse. Mrs. Severson is the daughter of Hans Gjestvang and is quite favorably known here.

Charles Hendrickson of Chicago, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Hans Hendrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson of Milwaukee, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dalton.

Mrs. Fred Bentzen went to Austin Sunday to visit her daughters there.

Mrs. M. H. Rand returned from Trempealeau Tuesday where she spent a few days with friends.

George Dunlap and family went to West Salem Saturday to visit relatives.

Miss Lillian Ristow who is teaching at Wahpeton, N. D., arrived on Friday night to spend her vacation with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelly of Downers Grove, Ill., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Green.

Lisle Whitbeck arrived from Liberty, Mo., Monday evening to spend a few days at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holverson left for Clinton, Iowa, Saturday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Taylor returned from Aurora, Ill., Saturday, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Taylor's aunt.

WINONA STRIKE CONTINUES

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 27.—Strike sympathizers continue to attack the street cars with missiles after dark, two more cars the last two nights having had windows shattered in this manner. No arrests have been made. Cars are running nearer to schedule than since the strike began, but patronage is light. The strikers hope to be able to reach Judge Willard this week to lay their case before him.

A rat in the trap is worth two in the hair.

WRITER CONFESSES SHOOTING HIS WIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Andrew McConnell, magazine writer and lecturer, was arrested at a reporter's desk in a morning newspaper office Monday night while, it is alleged, he was writing a confession of shooting and wounding his divorced wife, Mrs. Marion McConnell, at Ocean Grove, N. J. The shooting is said to have occurred late Saturday night.

McConnell was operating a typewriter in the Times office when a detective arrested him. The paper in the machine bore these words:

"I was forced to shoot the woman who was my wife. Absolute divorce was obtained last spring. Not one word was said regarding the divorce the night I shot her. She has tried to vilify an innocent woman."

Beside the typewriter the detective found a paper upon which was written in an almost illegible hand:

"Every person who has helped to build up my work has been vilified by a woman who is either hopelessly insane or a designing fiend. When I made discovery in the electrical basis of life which—the rest became illegible."

STORE ROBBED THREE TIMES
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—For the third time within six weeks the jewelry store of Berg & Co., at 516 South Michigan avenue, has been robbed. Burglars smashed a front window early today and carried away \$3,000 worth of jewels and antiques. The previous burglaries were committed in the same manner.



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BLESS YOU WHERE'S

DEAR OLD IMMUNITY

The decision of a United States
court to the effect that no new im-
munity should be extended to the
wealthy packers now on trial for
criminal conduct in relation to mo-
nopolization of the beef industry
must have come with a shock to
those gentlemen.

No new immunity, and now comes
the court with a ruling which, as it
was done unto the "wicked and sloth-
ful servant," takes away "even that
which they have." For yesterday
the federal judge denied that the
"immunity bath" given these de-
fendants by Judge Humphrey in his
now famous decision could be evoked
to cover the early history of the
beef pool. In other words, the
whole truth about this trust will be
disclosed for the enlightenment of
the jury.

A great deal hinges upon this
trial. It has been demonstrated that
fines will not deter trust organizers.
Fining, even on an immense scale, is
merely licensing, for it's a poor
trust that don't know how to add
the fines to the expense account, and
any trust is willing to pay a \$100-
000 fine for the privilege of making
\$1,000,000. Now we are trying to
inaugurate a new rule. If the gov-
ernment succeeds in sending a few
multi-millionaires to the peniten-
tiary, we may see some respect paid
to our anti-trust laws.

THE PROGRESS OF

THE POSTOFFICE

Two important announcements
and four interesting proposals are
made in the annual report of the
Postmaster-General, says The Out-
look. "The first announcement is
that, for the first time in twenty-
eight years, the revenues of the De-
partment for the fiscal year were in
excess of the expenditures. In the
year ending 1909 the accounts of the
Department showed a deficit of over
seventeen million dollars. This
year the accounts show a surplus of
about two hundred thousand dollars.
The revenues for the past year were

nearly two hundred and thirty-eight
million dollars. The second an-
nouncement relates to the success-
ful organization of the postal sav-
ings bank system. After a careful
test on a small scale of four months,
the system was fully extended, and
is now in operation in practically all
of the seventy-five hundred presi-
dential postoffices. After eleven
months of operation deposits in the
postal banks have reached a total of
eleven million dollars. Preparations
are being made to extend the sys-
tem to about forty thousand fourth-
class offices doing a money-order
business. The recommendations of
Postmaster-General Hitchcock are
for the establishment of a parcels
post on rural routes and in cities and
towns having delivery by carrier;
for an increase in the rate for sec-
ond-class mail matter from one cent
a pound to two cents a pound; for a
pension system for superannuated
employees; and for the discontinu-
ance of the franking privilege. Mr.
Hitchcock is to be congratulated up-
on his report. The elimination in two
years of a deficit of seventeen mil-
lion dollars is a noteworthy achieve-
ment. But it should blind neither the
Department nor the people, nor more
especially congress, to the fact that
there remains wide room for im-
provement in the fundamental or-
ganization of the one business de-
partment of the government. Several
years ago an exhaustive investigation
by a congressional commission, aided
by accounting experts, showed
conclusively that from a business
point of view the organization and
methods of the postoffice depart-
ment were chaotic and antiquated.
The recommendations of the com-
mission were embodied in a bill
known as the Carter-Weeks Bill,
which has made no progress in con-
gress. Doubtless many of the slip-
shod and unbusinesslike methods for-
merly in use in the department have
been improved, in so far as it could
be done without congressional ac-
tion, under the efficient administra-
tion of Mr. Hitchcock. But much of
the needed improvement cannot be
done without the action of congress.
The provisions of the Carter-Weeks
Bill should be made law without de-
lay. Until this is done, and new ad-
ministrative and accounting methods
in the postoffice department made
possible by Congress, we do not be-
lieve that any one can tell why there
was a deficit of seventeen million
dollars in 1909 and a surplus of two
hundred and nineteen thousand dol-
lars in 1911. We do not believe
that any one can properly apportion
the credit for this achievement be-
tween the administrative officers of
the department and certain natural
causes. In two years the revenues
of the department have increased
nearly 17 per cent, while its ex-
penditures have increased only 7 1/2 per
cent. We should like to know to
what extent this difference of rate of
increase is due to administrative ef-
ficiency and to what extent it is due
to the natural capacity of the ma-
chinery of a large industrial organ-
ization when once established to
handle increased business without
proportionally increased expendi-
ture.

RATE CASE VITAL
TO FRUIT BROWERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. — The
Florida rate case vital to every
Florida farmer and every consumer
of pineapples, oranges, and winter
vegetables were taken into the United
States commerce court yesterday
by the Flagler Florida East Coast
railway, which applied for a tempo-
rary injunction against the recent
order of the interstate commerce
commission, which is aimed at the
shippers.

The Flagler railroad is appealing
from the commission's order equalizing
vegetables and citrus fruit rates
with the pineapple rate, effective on
January 2. Should the commerce
court sustain the railroad's conten-
tion, it would overturn the commis-
sion's order. In the Atlantic Coast
line and Seaboard line, in which
rate reductions were based on those
already prescribed for the Florida
East Coast.

The Flagler line brings the first
appeal for an injunction under the
commerce court's three day clause.
The hearing is set for Friday and the
injunction, if granted, will be for
sixty days. The petition avers that
the Flagler line has never paid a
dividend, that its total profits last
year were \$67,000.

MURDERER SAVES
SOULS IN PRISON

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Seventy-
seven murderers, with 600 other
prisoners, partook of Christmas din-
ner and exchanged Yuletide greet-
ings at the Cook county jail Mon-
day. In many respects the holiday
was the most unusual in the tragically
laden history of the institution.
Ewald Shilbawski, one of the four
murderers sentenced to hang on
Feb. 16, next, delivered a terse
temperance lecture to a group of
prisoners. He said:
"We had too much whisky in us
when we did it. But for that, Guel-
zow (a truck farmer whom they
murdered) would be with his wife
and child. I wish I could bring him
back."

Quips and Cranks
and Wanton Wiles

The Scientific Age

The development of science is a
wondrous thing to see.

How they used to do without it is
a mystery to me.
When the old folks used to linger
in this mundane vale of tears
Till they reached the ripe old age
of just about a hundred years;
When they didn't spend on doctor's
bills a solitary cent,
And each one had his appendix to
take with him when he went.

There was no optometrist to fix their
eyes and make 'em see,
But a ninety-year-old man could
read fine print nice as could be.
When their eyes at last went back
on 'em they had no great ex-
pense,
But purchased steel-rimmed spec-
tacles that cost 'em forty cents.
No infantile paralysis or brain fog
in that day;
They lived along until they just
dried up and blew away.

Seems as though it's mighty hard
just now to keep out of the
ground;
There is some new fangled ailment
every time you turn around.
When a feller's feelin' healthy and
he looks it in his face,
They're sure to find some new dis-
ease and make it fit his case.
To be aillin' about something seems
to be the howling rage,
And it's hard to live at all in this
great scientific age.

Chinese Humor

In his book on "China and the
Chinese" Dr. Giles gives a specimen
of Chinese humor which, if the
source were not known, might well
be mistaken for American humor.

There is a Chinese story which
tells how a very stingy man took a
paltry sum of money to an artist—
payment is always exacted in ad-
vance—and asked him to paint his
portrait. The artist at once complied
with the request, but when the por-
trait was finished nothing was visi-
ble save the back of the sitter's head.

"What does this mean?" cried the
sitter indignantly.
"Well," replied the artist, "I
thought a man who paid so little as
you paid wouldn't care to show his
face."

One Kind of a Sale

There is nothing like being quite
frank in dealing with customers or
prospective customers. In a local
store window there is the following
sign painted:

Chamois
SKIN SALE

Happier

"Do you feel happier since you got
your divorce?"
"Yes, much happier. You see, it
will be perfectly proper for my next
husband and me to announce our en-
gagement now. I was so afraid I
would get out while I was still living
with Henry."—Chicago Record-Her-
ald.

Nat Can Joke Now

Nat C. Goodwin stood in front of
the florist's window at the Waldorf
with a friend.
Pointing to a cluster of roses, the
man with Goodwin asked: "Do you
know what those are, Nat?"

"Sure," replied the actor; "they're
American Beauties. But what do you
know about them?"
"I know all about that flower, be-
cause I married one of them," re-
plied the man.

"You've nothing on me," retorted
Goodwin without a smile. "I married
a bunch."

Perhaps He Doesn't

"Pa?"

"Yes."

"Why do they say, 'he swore like
a trooper,' or 'he swears like a pi-
rate?' Why don't they use something
more up to date?"

"Why don't they say, 'he swears
like an automobile flier.'"—Boston
Herald.

The Hour of Need

A policeman in the northeast sec-
tion of Washington heard loud cries
of "Police! Murder!" coming from
a house on his beat, and broke in.

He found a man beating his wife
and he stopped the fight. The wo-
man was the one who had been doing
the screaming.

"How long has this been going
on?" the policeman asked them.
"About half an hour," sobbed the
woman, glaring at her husband.

"Well, why didn't you yell before?
I heard nothing until a minute ago."
"Oh," replied the woman, "I was
getting the best of it until I began to
scream."—Saturday Evening Post.

WEST SALEM, WIS.

The Misses Olive Cook and Rachel
McElowney have returned from the
Stout college to spend their Christ-
mas vacation at home.

Christmas programs were render-
ed Saturday evening in the Congrega-
tional and in the Presbyterian
churches and Sunday evening in the
German Lutheran church.

Harold Tower and Julian Brown
who are attending Beloit college,
are spending Christmas at home.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Harley Oakes.

Fred E. Sprehn has returned to
his home at Eldora, Ia.

Miss Jessie Eldred of Minneapo-
lis is the guest of her parents for
the holidays.

Miss Agnes Ruud has left for her
home at La Crosse.

The public schools are closed for
a two weeks' vacation.

Arnold and George Sprehn are ar-
rivals from Minneapolis to spend
the holidays with their parents, Mr.
and Mrs. George D. Sprehn.

Stanton
Wins

A Romance of
Racing Cars

by
Michael M. Ingram

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There was a curious circumstance.
Valerie Carlisle literally cowered in
her seat, pale, shivering, usually
with her eyes shut. Yet she, the im-
perious demander of her own way,
uttered no remonstrance, although
faintly crying out once or twice
when they slid by some obvious dan-
ger of cliff or road. Stanton saw,
from the corner of his eye, and spec-
ulated as he drove.

"Do you think this is safe?" Mr.
Carlisle found an opportunity to
urge.

"I think so, if nothing breaks,"
Stanton called back, twisting the car
around a load of hay.

They reached their destination in
two hours and ten minutes. When
they entered the village limits and
the speed fell to fifteen miles an
hour, Mr. Carlisle slowly revived,
and regained his breath and his
glasses. His daughter released her
grasp of the seat, raised a shaking
hand to touch veils and bonnet,
then passed a handkerchief across
her dry lips and looked up at the
man beside her.

"How do you like the car?" she
asked.

Stanton surveyed her, almost sur-
prised into compunction.

"It hasn't the Mercury's pull, to
be perfectly frank," he answered.
"It is a trifle heavy and less lively.
But it is a fine machine, and of
course you do not want to race with
it."

"Of course, I do not want to race
with it," she slowly assented, and
averted her face from him, watching
the streets.

Stanton, untrifled as in the New
York depot, except for his wind-
tossed hair, whose blackness was
flecked with yellow road dust,
leaned back to reclaim his hat and
inquire their destination. When he
returned to the usual method of
driving with both hands and facing
forward, Miss Carlisle had altogeth-
er recovered her poise.

"Speaking of racing, I have never
thanked you for the other night,"
she observed, her low tones inaudi-
ble to those behind them. "I never
experienced anything like watching
you on the track—you carried me
away beyond conventionality, I am
afraid. And to feel that I had a
share in your bewildering feats—"

The ugly mood rose again in
Stanton.

"You need not have felt that re-
sponsibility," he declared. "My
feats, as you are pleased to call
them, are shared by no one. I drive
for purposes of my own."

She understood at once.
"You mean that you did not race
with the Duplex because I wanted to
see your famous driving?"

He checked the machine to permit
the passage of a trolley-car.

"I had my mechanician beside me
and there were two men in the Du-
plex," was his oblique reply. "I do
not amuse by brushing near assas-
sination."

The retort was thoroughly Stan-
tonesque. Miss Carlisle bent for-
ward to catch the slipping dust-robe,
before answering him, but gave an
exclamation as the motor abruptly
fell silent.

"Oh, I am so sorry! The robe
caught in the switch and moved it."
"It is nothing," he assured, stoop-
ing to remedy the tangle, and sprang
out to crank the engine.

He had done this very act for
Floyd, two weeks before; only then
the stoppage had been intentional.
Stanton was thinking of that inci-
dent, while he bent to seize the
crank, and not of what he was do-
ing. But he saw Valerie Carlisle
lean toward the steering-wheel, her
red lips apart and her eyes glisten-
ing, just as he pulled up the handle.
"Wait!" the girl cried, a second
too late.

There was a sharp explosion of
the motor, the crank tore itself vi-
olently out of his hand. Only Stan-
ton's trained swiftness and instant
recoil saved him from a broken
wrist. As it was, his arm fell mo-
mentarily numbed at his side.

"You left the spark up," Miss Car-
lisle cried again, pale and shaken.
"I tried to fix it, but you had
cranked. Have you injured your
arm?"

Mr. Carlisle had risen, several
people paused on the sidewalk, but
Stanton stood looking at the girl
who leaned across the folded wind-
shield. He, automobile expert,
racing driver, had advanced his spark
and gone out to crank his motor?
His reason rebelled. Yet, what
other explanation?

"You have injured your arm?
Why was I so stupid as to catch the
robe and stop the engine?"

He recovered himself promptly.

"No, no, it is nothing, Miss Car-
lisle, I am not hurt," he dis-
claimed.

But nevertheless he started the
engine with his left hand, her nar-
rowed amber eyes following him.

It was not far to the Carlisle
place. There Stanton declined every
invitation to remain, or even to en-
ter, firmly resolved to go on to
Lowell by the next train.

"We will be there tomorrow al-
so," Miss Carlisle informed him, in
taking leave. "I am so grieved that
you can not use your arm."

"You see I have used it to steer
and shift gears," he reminded.

"Yes, but you will not try to race
so hurt?"

That was what troubled her? The
fear that he would not drive and she

Museum of Daily
Facts and Freaks

Pies Make Coads Sleepy

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., Dec. 27.
—Believing that mince pie and ap-
ple dumplings make the girls so
sleepy that they cannot do their af-
ternoon lessons well, these luncheon
delicacies are barred at Mount Hol-
yoke college.

Policeman's Spine Sewed Together

NEW YORK.—Although surgeons
sewed up his spinal column after it
had been cut in a fight, Policeman
Ruffalo is dying of paralysis that
is slowly creeping toward his heart.

Rockefeller Misses Christmas Tree

TARRYTOWN, N. Y.—Although
he sent a handsome tree for Christ-
mas to the Tarrytown Baptist church,
John D. Rockefeller refused to at-
tend to it because he never
goes out after dark.

Husband and Fortune for Christmas

NEW YORK.—Miss Lottie Eber-
ling, a stenographer, received as a
Christmas present \$120,000 and a
husband. She had been in love a long
time, but did not marry until her
uncle in Germany left her money.

New York Trains Crowded

NEW YORK.—Just 11,095,282
persons rode in the subway and on
elevated trains of New York during
six days of last week, the greatest
number in the history of the line.

Town Fights Wolves

HANCOCK, Mich.—Citizens here
have organized mutual protection so-
cieties. The members will hunt tim-
ber wolves which are menacing the
lives of persons and animals on the
outskirts of town.

Woman Proves Alibi

CHICAGO.—The best alibi ever at-
tempted in a local court was shown
when Mrs. Lydia Johnson denied bit-
ing a policeman and opening her
mouth showed she had not a single
molar.

Carried Needle in Body 22 Years

ROCKFORD, Ill.—A needle was
removed from the right hip of Mrs.
Fred Wilkin today. It entered her
thigh twenty-two years ago.

Vandals Steal King's Skull

VIENNA.—Vandals have stolen
the skull of Kara George Petrovitch
from the tomb in St. Mark's cem-
etery where the bones of the founder
of the Serbian dynasty have repos-
ed for years.

Society Man to Wed Actress

NEW YORK.—Robert Jordan, one
of the best known society men of
Boston, is to marry Jane Laurel, the
actress. She played with Kyrie Bel-
levue until his death recently at Salt
Lake.

Phat Huge Beef Plant

WASHINGTON.—American and
Canadian capitalists have purchased
9,000,000 acres from the Brazilian
government and plan the greatest
beef producing project in history.

Opera Singer Dying

NEW YORK.—Little hope was
entertained for the recovery of De-
la Fox, comic opera singer, who is
in a local sanitarium. She was oper-
ated on recently for appendicitis and
peritonitis.

Bavarian Regent's Death Expected

MUNICH.—Prince Luitpold, the
Bavarian regent, who was thrown
from his horse recently, is in a seri-
ous condition today and death is
expected.

would miss the excitement of seeing
him on the thin verge of death? Her
beauty went out to his eyes like the
blown flame of a candle.

"I shall race," he declared curtly.
He had an odd fancy as he went
down the village street; it occurred
to him that he would like to see
Floyd. He was tired, tired to nau-
sea of the feminine as represented
by Valerie Carlisle. He would have
liked to hunt up his mechanician
and hear him talk frank sense, man-
fashion.

But of course he did nothing of
the kind. When he arrived at
Lowell he went to a doctor and had
the strained arm cared for, instead.

CHAPTER V.

Tuning Up.

Floyd was sitting on a railing in
front of the repair pits, when Stan-
ton came out to the course next
morning, engaged in chatting airily
with a couple of jovial drivers from
rival cars. He was laughing, and so
were the two men. Clad in correct
racing costume, this time, instead of
the impromptu blend of the former
occasion, his bright head tilted back,
his gray eyes mirthful, Floyd
vaguely suggested a certain charm-
ing actress and a very practical Pe-
ter Pan who refused to grow up.

Stanton paused in the shadow to
survey the group. So Floyd knew
them? He had not been aware of
that; he had supposed his mechan-
ician to be as unsocial and un-
friendly-making as himself. Amid the
mingling sounds of cars testing and
starting out on practice runs, of busy
workmen and mechanics, he could
hear little of what was said; but the
bursts of laughter came to him, and
as a climax he saw George of the
Duplex lean forward and slap Floyd
caressingly on the shoulder.

"I'll come to your funeral, sweet
child," the big, good-humored driver
chaffed, by way of adieu, his bota-
terous tones carrying above the
complex din. "You're too awfully
dear to stay in this hard life."

(To be Continued.)

BALTIMORE HAS

LYNCHING BEE

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 27. —
King Davis, a negro, aged 28 years,
who Saturday night shot and killed
Frederick A. Schwab (white), at
Fairfield, was taken from the lockup
at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore,
early on Christmas day and shot to
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NORTON SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE

Aged North Side Resident Stricken Sunday; Was Preparing to Spend Holidays

Just prior to starting for Viroqua, where he had planned to spend Christmas and the holidays with relatives, Dan H. Norton, aged 70, 813 Rose street, suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday night.

It is serious and Mr. Norton is confined to his bed while the physicians announce he has but a slight chance for recovery.

Horace D. Norton, his son, was summoned from Washington, D. C., and reached his father's bedside last night.

SNOW FAILS TO STOP TRAFFIC

Train dispatches of all the railroads running through La Crosse today announce that the heavy snow of yesterday and last night have not resulted in a holding up of the trains as it was generally anticipated.

Nearly all of the trains on the Milwaukee and Burlington are on time and only two of the Northwestern trains were late today. No. 507 westbound, was one hour late and No. 503, also westbound, was thirty minutes late.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE LYONS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lyons gave their first Christmas dinner in their new home at 1906 Onalaska avenue, to friends and relatives Monday.

A pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davidson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hockmeyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Sr., Curtis Lyons, Earl Lyons, Mrs. Russell and son, Mrs. Minnie Spieh, Charles Adams, Mrs. M. Clawson of Chaseburg.

NORTH SIDE NEWS

MANY INJURED IN WRECK OF TRAINS

Northwestern Passenger Trains Collide at Springfield; Fourteen Are Hurt

SPRINGFIELD, Minn., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Slippery rails, caused by the heavy fall of snow, was the cause of a head-on collision of Chicago & Northwestern passenger trains Nos. 503 and 514, here at 2:15 yesterday afternoon, in which fourteen people were injured, two seriously.

Westbound train, No. 503, having just come down a steep grade was unable to stop in time to make the switch and reach the side track, and the engineer found it impossible to stop the train until it had rushed past the depot on the main track.

The eastbound train, due at the same time and having the right of way, crashed into the westbound train a few seconds later. Both engines were badly damaged. Twelve passengers on the eastbound train were injured by the force of the sudden impact but none seriously, while two passengers on the westbound train were seriously injured. Several passengers were standing in the aisles ready to get off at the station when the crash came. These were thrown from their feet.

Seats were torn loose and passengers were hurled to all parts of the cars following the collision. Physicians were called to attend the injured.

An engine from Sleepy Eye and another from Tracy replaced the engines that were damaged and after a delay of three hours, the tracks were cleared.

NORTH SIDE GIRL TO WED IN IOWA

Miss Etta and Elsie Ray, daughters of Wm. Ray, 1620 Berlin street, left La Crosse Saturday, December 23, for Hancock, Iowa, where they are to spend the holidays after which Miss Elsie will become the bride of Mr. Stephen Hazle, a prominent business man of Hancock.

Home-made things are often the best. Especially is this true of the home-made man.

The man with his all invested in mining stocks is seldom in a position to rest on his ore.

Many a woman sits up late in the nights before Christmas engaged in making a hem for a him.

BARTENDER FOUND DEAD IN SALOON

Ole Hannestead Dies Alone in Saloon of M. Johnson; Death Due to Apoplexy

Lying flat on his back on the floor of the saloon of Marten's Johnson, 508 St. Cloud street, Ole Hannestead was found dead at 1:05 yesterday afternoon by Carl Horn. Dr. Lueck upon his arrival announced that death was due to apoplexy.

Hannestead, whose home is in St. Paul, and who is about 40 years of age, was employed as a bartender at the Johnson saloon. At about 1 o'clock he was seen to enter the saloon after having cleaned the sidewalk. Nobody was in the saloon at the time and he was unable to summon aid.

Dr. Suiter, who has been attending Mr. Hannestead for some time, today announced that Hannestead had been subject to apoplexy for a year or more and that he had expected a sudden death at almost any time.

Coroner L. Kleeber, who was called upon the finding of the body, declared that death was due to apoplexy and that no inquest was necessary. Mrs. A. Larson, 117 Sherborn street, St. Paul, a sister, today wired that she will arrive tomorrow and will take charge of the remains.

BID FARLEY FAREWELL

CATHOLIC DIGNITARIES IN ROME TO ATTEND DINNER FOR AMERICAN PRELATE; SAILS JAN. 3

ROME, Dec. 27.—Cardinal Farley was given a farewell audience by Pope Pius today. Tomorrow the American prelate will give a farewell dinner, attended by practically all of the Catholic dignitaries in Rome. Following the dinner, Cardinal Farley will go to Naples on a sight-seeing trip. He will sail for New York January 3.

Cardinal Farley this afternoon spoke enthusiastically of the splendid reception preparing for him when he reaches New York. He said:

"Many Americans in Rome have told me of the reception awaiting me in New York. I certainly hope I shall always hold the esteem of my countrymen, who have done so much for me in the past."



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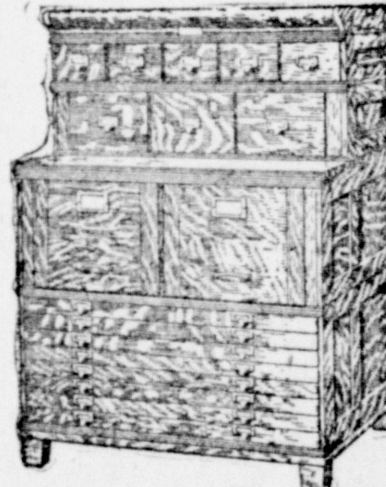
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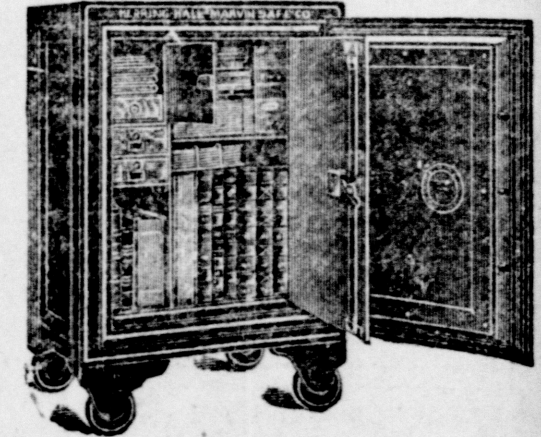
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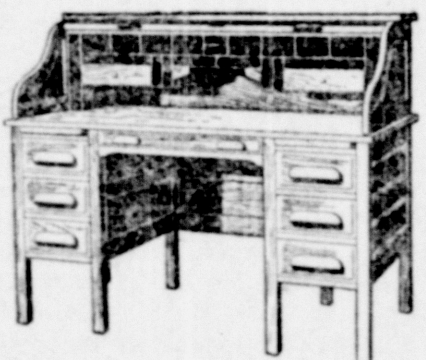
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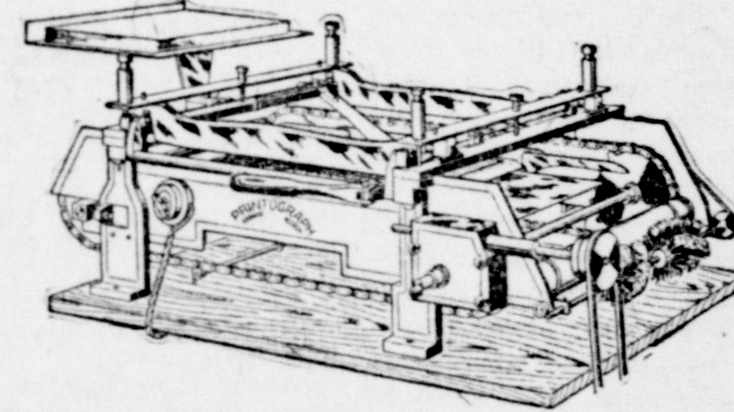
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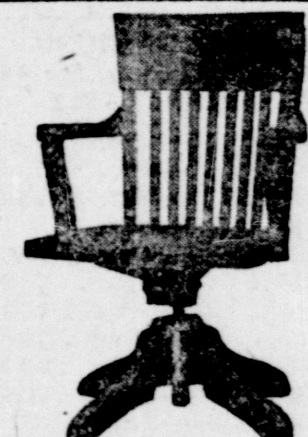
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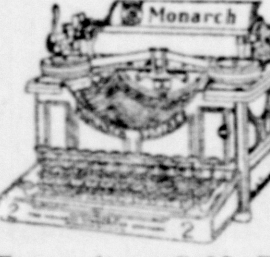
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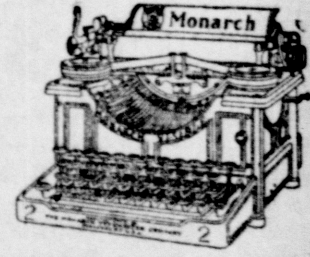


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NORTH SIDE IN BRIEF

Mrs. John Moore, who has been visiting relatives and friends on the north side, has returned to her home in La Crescent, Minn.

Mr. Arthur Skemp, who has been attending the university at Madison, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skemp, 1645 Kane street.

Mr. A. F. Richards, who has been the guest of friends in Dubuque for the past few days, has returned to his home on the north side.

Mrs. H. Weenger, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Butzmann, 1612 Berlin street, has returned to her home in Alma, Wis.

Miss Helen Murphy, 916 Rose street, left today for a visit with relatives and friends in St. Paul.

Mr. G. Schonefeldt of Alma, Wis., is the guest of Mr. Erwin Butzmann, 1612 Berlin street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Peterson, 1424 Gillette street, Friday, a boy.

Miss Mabel Hanson of Money Creek, Minn., is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson, 1447 Avon street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond left for St. Paul, where they are visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Danchertson.

Mrs. A. R. Batcheller and children of 1526 Kane street, are visiting for a short time in Chicago.

Dr. Grey, physician for the Burlington, spent yesterday in Dubuque on business.

Miss Tillie Wingstad is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Dina Wingstad, for a brief time.

Mr. Erwin, engineer on the Burlington, who has been running a switch engine in Savannah, Ill., has come home to spend New Years with his family.

Mrs. P. J. McGaughren of Minneapolis is the guest of relatives and friends on the north side.

Miss Catherine Wagner of Minneapolis is visiting relatives and friends on the north side.

Miss Florence Joy, who has been visiting relatives and friends on the north side, has returned to her home in Seneca, Wis.

Mr. Charles Henderson returned to his home at Chicago after a short visit here.

Mrs. R. Landsberg of St. Paul is visiting relatives on the north side. Mrs. A. V. Anderson of Maiden Rock is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. Charles Mosher of 1637 Avon street left yesterday for West Salem where he is visiting friends.

Miss Elizabeth Powell of Savana, Ill., is visiting relatives on the north side.

Mrs. Ed Palmer has returned to her home after a brief visit with her brother, Mr. Ed Powell.

Oscar Johnson, who has been the

SHOWS HOW TO SAW HIS FINGER OFF

GRANITE CITY, Ill., Dec. 27.—While trying to show an agent for an accident insurance company how he had lost the forefinger of his right hand, Francis Lotosky, employed in a Granite City foundry, put the forefinger of his left hand upon a whirling saw and it was cut off.

guest of friends and relatives at Bedelia, Minn., during the past few weeks, returned to his home in this city today.

A Skogan left for Minneapolis to visit relatives this morning.

The following are the guests of Mrs. A. Johnson, 924 Berlin street: Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McGee, Austin, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Cullen, Austin, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Tipper, New Albin, Iowa, and Mrs. A. Gullickson and daughter, Peterson.

ELMER GUNDERSON WEDS IN CHICAGO

Elmer A. Gunderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gunderson, 1117 Avon street, and Miss Camille Peterson of Racine, Wis., were married at Chicago December 23, at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. Charles Hendrickson of Chicago acted as best man and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Clara Gunderson of this city, was bridesmaid.

The young couple are at present visiting Mr. Gunderson's parents, and after the holidays will return to Chicago, where the bridegroom has held a responsible position for several years with Chase & Saneborn. They will make their home in that city.

The ostrich is only secondarily responsible for the big millinery bills. It does not part with its feathers willingly.

ANDERSONS TAKE TWO OF SERIES

A walkaway in the first game of the series clinched victory for the Anderson Tire company bowling team last night at the Combination alleys. In the first game the Peerless rolled but 388 while their opponents piled up 538. The Peerless took a brace in the second, winning out by 33 pins but were unable to hold the lead in the last although they played close and lost by twenty-three points. Following is the score:

Peerless—			
Zoeller	145	189	190
Sponnick	139	150	152
Woll	104	138	157
Totals	388	447	493
Andersons—			
Bollrud	182	157	192
Smith	178	137	169
Fridgen	178	120	155
Totals	538	414	516

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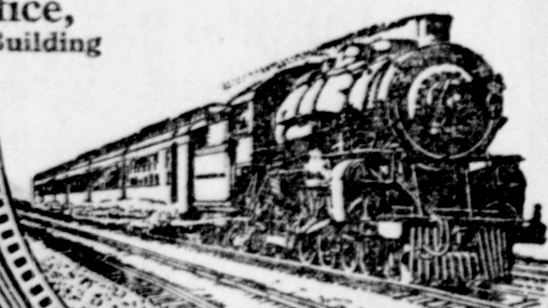
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SMUGGLED FURS ARE SEIZED FROM WOMAN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—While Christmas festivities were in full blast Monday, George E. Foulkes, special agent of the treasury department, was making seizures of valuable furs in Minneapolis which had been brought here from Montreal without the payment of duty. A seal skin stole and a muff of the same material worth about \$225 were among the seizures. These were taken from a woman in Minneapolis whose name is withheld. She bought the goods some months ago in Montreal, the dealer undertaking to deliver them to her, all charges paid, for Christmas. Custom house officials think that she had no part in bringing them into the country. At any rate the clam knows enough to shut up.

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DR. MAYO IS BETTER

CONDITION OF ROCHESTER SURGEON PRONOUNCED SATISFACTORY AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL
NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The condition of Dr. C. H. Mayo, the eminent Minnesota surgeon, who has been in a precarious state in the Presbyterian hospital, following an operation for appendicitis and another for gall stones, was pronounced satisfactory today. The hospital authorities added that the outlook for complete recovery was good. "Dr. Mayo has rested very comfortably today and his condition is quite favorable," the surgeons said late last night. His brother, Dr. William J. Mayo has been at his bedside all day.

PERSONAL

When in doubt, go to the blue. Word was received in La Crosse of the sudden death of Karsten Walmeness of Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada, who fell from the building where he was employed. Death followed soon after on Dec. 15. He was well known to La Crosse people. The funeral was held at that place the following Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women. Miss Jane Moe of Minneapolis, Minn., is spending Christmas with her parents at Onalaska, Wis.

Charles Domstich returned to his home in Minneapolis this morning after spending Christmas with his brother, John Domstich, and his sister, Mrs. John Harrington.

Ian D. Tiedemann, formerly of La Crosse and now residing in De Soto, is visiting friends here today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Forrer went to Milwaukee yesterday where they will visit this week.

P. H. Klinkner from Cashton, is a business caller in La Crosse for a few days.

Dr. Geo. Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

R. N. Greer came to the city from Prairie du Chien this morning to spend a few days here.

O. M. Gund, a resident of Viroqua, is a La Crosse visitor today.

Sam Dahl arrived in the city from Harmony, Minn., yesterday to transact business here for several days.

William Miller, who lives in Dresbach, is spending a few days in the city this week.

Joseph Gillen came to the city from Freeburg, Minn., today to remain here on business for several days.

Sam Gem, Jr., of Ferryville, is the guest of La Crosse friends today.

The winter term of the Keefe Business College, corner Fourth and Pearl streets, will begin Jan. 2, 1912. Night school Tuesday and Friday evenings of each week. Special advantages to those who enroll now. Call, telephone or write for further information.

T. Amundson, whose home is in Viroqua, was calling on friends in La Crosse yesterday.

H. M. Wirtenberger returned to Arcadia this morning following a business trip to La Crosse.

R. Britt, who was in the city on business for a few days, went to Stoddard, Wis., this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Young came to the city from Genoa yesterday to spend a few days here.

If you want a carriage, get the Gateway City Trif. Line. Phone 179.

N. W. Kannan, who lives in Harmony, Minn., is a business caller in La Crosse today.

John R. Johnson of Genoa is spending a few days in the city this week.

James Watson, a resident of Lynxville, is the guest of La Crosse friends today.

George Nelson from Victory, Wis., is transacting business in the city for several days this week.

Carl Hendrickson returned to Holmen yesterday after a business trip to La Crosse.

L. E. Lee went to Westby this morning following a visit with friends in the city.

Twenty per cent discount for cash on electric table lamps and glassware during holiday season. Thill-Manning-Whalen Co., 512-514 State.

M. Reiley, who was calling on friends here for a few days, left for Hokah this morning.

John W. Potter, who lives in Caladonia, is spending a few days in the city this week.

John C. Gaveney from Arcadia is a La Crosse visitor for several days.

G. A. McGonigal, whose home is in Tomah, is transacting business in the city today.

Miss Ruth Hastings came to the city from Genoa yesterday to remain here for a few days.

E. C. Bartl of the Bartl Brewing company, has returned from Winona, where he attended the funeral of Peter Bub of the Bub Brewing company, who died Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keegan of Minneapolis are visiting friends and relatives here.

Dr. J. M. Furstman left last night for Chicago, where he will remain for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keegan, Minneapolis, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gavin, of this city.

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DES MOINES WANTS LOWER FREIGHT RATE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Greater Des Moines committee asked the Interstate Commerce Commission today for an order compelling reductions, in some cases amounting to 33 per cent in the class freight rates now being maintained between Des Moines and points in Utah by the Union Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, Burlington and Santa Fe, and several other railroads. The committee complained that the rates to Utah from Missouri points, a longer haul than from Des Moines to Utah are from six to seventy cents per 100 pounds less than the rates from Des Moines.

LABOR LEADERS ON TRIAL SATURDAY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Oral testimony in support of the renewed charge of contempt against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison will commence in open court Saturday morning at 10 a. m., according to announcement made today. This is the case which grew from the row between labor and the Bucks Stove company.

:: SOCIETY ::

DINNERS
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob O'Neil of 522 Mill street, entertained at a one o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beutler, who were recently married. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beutler, Mr. and Mrs. V. Beutler, Mrs. J. O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schwabenbauer. The Misses Eva O'Neil, Anna Beckmann and Ovinia Rhode. Messrs. A. Beutler, J. O'Neil, Hubert O'Neil and Lester O'Neil.

Mrs. Anna Miller entertained at a family dinner Monday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller and family of Hokah; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Miller and Mrs. Carl Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. I. Kinnear, 222 South Tenth street, entertained today at dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Mitchell of Aurora, Ill. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Looney, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Marvin, Jr.

A family gathering Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Langenbach, 120 South Fourteenth street, was featured by a dinner at night, followed by a Christmas tree. The guests were the families of William Doerflinger, John A. Bayer and Mrs. Philippa Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Funke entertained at Christmas dinner at their home, 137 South Thirteenth street, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Funke and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. V. Craft.

Mrs. R. M. I. Kinnear, 222 South Tenth street, entertained at a breakfast party Christmas. Covers were laid for eight.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomason, of 136 South Eighth street, entertained at a family gathering Christmas day. The guests were Judge and Mrs. Leonard Kleeber, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Merman, Mrs. Kleeber of Reedsburg, Wis., and Miss Gertrude Ives.

WEDDING OF AMOS J. OAKES
Amos J. Oakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Oakes of this city, was married Dec. 20 at Spokane, to Miss Ella Hoepfer of Spooner, Wis. The wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Colens, a sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes will reside in Spokane.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. West, 829 Pine street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Neva W., to Fred J. Collins.

SOCIAL BRIEFS
Mr. and Mrs. D. Cunningham and daughter, Miss Laura Cunningham, and Mrs. Fred B. Smith, spent Christmas with relatives at Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Redman and daughter, Ruth, are spending the week with Mrs. W. J. Redman of Onalaska. Mrs. A. F. Redman of Minneapolis, is also a guest of Mrs. W. J. Redman.

Homer Davis who came home for the holidays left yesterday for Davenport, where he will join the University Glee and Madolin club of which he is a member. Concerts will be given during the week at Davenport, Clinton, Dubuque and Milwaukee during the week.

Miss Helen Holbrook, a member of the faculty at Vassar college, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Holbrook.

TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hess recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Dinner was served at 5 o'clock. The table was strewn with roses and ferns. Mr. and Mrs. Hess received many valuable presents. It was a very delightful occasion.

THE ALPHA OMEGA DANCE
The A. O. club enjoyed a pleasant time at their dancing party at the Masonic Temple last evening. There was a large number in attendance. The hall was elaborately decorated, the club members working valiantly all day, college pennants wreaths of evergreen made it very attractive and did great credit to the young men having it in charge.

WOULD EXCLUDE JEWS
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A bill excluding all American Jews from Russia has been introduced in the duma by nationalist leaders, according to a dispatch today from St. Petersburg. The action is taken in response to the notification from the United States that the treaty of 1832 would terminate in January, 1913.

Ex-President Guckhoff's bill raising the tariff on American goods 100 per cent was also introduced today. Government leaders are behind the bill and it probably will be passed by a big majority.

TURK DECLINES POST
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Tewfik Pasha, Turkish ambassador to London, today was offered the grand viceroyship, but declined the post.

It is useless to advise an aviator not to "go up in the air" for that is his business.

When your letters run together when you read, that is one of the best evidences that you need glasses. This effort will surely result in loss of nerve energy if not permanent eye injury. You may stop this if you will, by getting glasses that properly correct the defect. No matter what the age. It is to your interest to see me without delay.

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4-OTHER BIG FEATURES-4

VIROQUA, WIS.

Christmas passed very pleasantly in Viroqua. A Christmas tree program was given at the Methodist church Saturday night, trees and programs at the Congregational and Christ churches Sunday night, and Christmas exercises at the Lutheran church Monday night. The Santa Claus at the Methodist tree was a ward at the asylum who is especially fond of impersonating the patron saint of the children, and who has a real Santa suit. The program at all four churches were very excellent and were attended by large crowds. On Sunday and Monday there were many happy family reunions, scores of young people being home from college. Yesterday there was a big run on the Lindemann bank, when Henry Lindemann treated hundreds of men, women and children to fine bonbons. From 10 to 12 the bank was crowded. Mr. Lindemann was assisted by Dr. William Trowbridge, F. A. Chase and B. C. Brown, the latter furnishing Victrola selections. Everybody registered, and was pleased to receive the annual token of Mr. Lindemann's good will. He has given the people of Viroqua a treat at Christmas time for some years past. A blizzard raged in Viroqua and vicinity all day yesterday. Business is crippled as a consequence. Benj. Williams received a Christmas pudding from relatives at Cardiff.

Miss Hazel Baker is home from Menominee.

Miss Ethel Hamilton is home from Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Myrtle Adlington from Wakefield, Mich.; Miss Vera Cass from Lawrence college; Kenneth Smith from Beloit college.

Miss Helen Smith, who is attending school in Chicago came for a visit with her cousins, Attorney and Mrs. H. P. Proctor, Jr.

Dr. H. J. Suttle is spending a few days in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haye are the parents of a little boy.

The German Literary society held a special meeting Tuesday night, the Girls' Literary society last night and the Boys' society will meet in special session tonight.

Howard Teasdale of Sparta had business here.

Miss Dorothy Trowbridge came home from Beloit to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Baldwin of Los Angeles returned to her home after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. D. S. Waffle.

Hon. Philip Bouffier has gone to Biloxi to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. S. Hansbury of Hillsboro and Miss Hulda Hauge of Westby were callers in this city.

Mrs. L. C. Boyle departed for Spokane in response to a message stating that her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Tate, had been taken to a hospital.

Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Coburn, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Chase, Messrs. and Mesdames C. F. Dahl and F. P. McIntosh have issued invitations to a dancing party to be given at opera hall on the evening of December 27.

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If you want to get quicker results than you ever before thought possible, try a box of Pinex Cold Tablets. Two doses give wonderful relief, and a hard cold or a gripe usually is completely conquered in 20 hours. No other remedy will stop the aches and pains so quickly.

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BANGOR, WIS.

Misses Ella and Marjorie Stintzi of Madison are spending several weeks with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stintzi.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffen of Winona, Minn., spent Christmas here, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Peck.

Mrs. John Freill, who has been visiting in Clark, S. D., has returned home.

A large crowd from here attended the dance at Roberts' hall at West Salem Monday evening.

The K. of P. lodge will give a dance Monday beginning at 3 p. m. and lasting until 3 a. m. Tuesday. Haack's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Toff Jolivet, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jolivet and children of La Crosse, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sanders of Minneapolis, and John Evans of La Crosse spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Evans here.

Willis Cooper of Sparta is home on a vacation.

Joe Kabat spent Monday at La Crosse.

Mr. J. H. Spillane is working at the Milwaukee station as operator at Raymore for several days.

Mrs. L. A. Cass and Mrs. Edward of Ferryville, Wis., are spending several weeks here with Mrs. Margaret Meyer.

Mrs. Maud Peters of South America arrived Monday for several months' visit here, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan.

Mrs. F. C. Witt and children are spending several days at La Crosse.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hammond of Linden Station, Wis., who visited friends here for several days, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Frieda Aichele, who teaches the Adams Valley school, is home on a two weeks' vacation.

Arthur Kuranz, Walter Jones and F. Jenkins are home from Carroll college on their vacation.

Mrs. Will Saley entertained the following guests at a Christmas dinner: Mrs. McCumber and Mr. and Mrs. L. Jenkins of Sparta, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Preston and sons, Len and Gordis.

Miss Geneva Hanson, who is dress-making at La Crosse, is at home.

Wayne Smith of Hustler spent Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schumacher are spending several days at La Crosse.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Eslen and children went to La Crosse Tuesday for several days' visit.

Miss Ada Miller, a teacher in the Burns school, is home on a vacation.

Miss Vera Dowe, who attends college at Oshkosh, is at home.

Mr. Harry Dowe of Necedah is at home on a vacation.

Miss Lizzie Miller spent Sunday at La Crosse.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Louise Nissalke to Harry Johnson at Madison, Wis. Miss Nissalke is well known here. She is a sister of Mrs. F. C. Witt.

MCGREGOR IOWA

Miss Marie Elwell, who is attending college at Beloit, Wis., is home for the holidays.

Dr. Will Buck of Chicago is at home until after the holidays.

Mrs. Will Robinson spent Wednesday in Dubuque.

Harry Kieher and Clarence Shepherd arrived home from Iowa City Thursday night.

Miss Jessie Sweany is at home from school duties near Volga City.

Fred Bell arrived home fresh from a business trip to Cincinnati.

Lewis Brennen is at home from school at Dubuque.

F. S. Morse was here from Chicago last Friday.

Miss Nell Demo arrived from South Dakota Thursday.

Miss Edith Geske arrived home from St. Paul to visit her mother.

Mrs. C. H. Barron returned from Chicago Friday.

E. E. Bentor and H. S. Hunting spent Thursday in Guttenberg.

Monroe Jacobs and family are guests at the S. Quinn home.

Walter Eichendorf is at home from Iowa City.

Col. G. H. Otis and wife of Monona have been visiting relatives here.

L. A. Walsh of Monona spent a day in town enroute from Dubuque.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cords of Guttenberg spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. Bullis of Decorah is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Reeves.

Miss Anna Bell Pearsall arrived home from Milwaukee.

Bettie Fox of Healdsburg, Cal., arrived Thursday night for an extended visit with friends.

Prof. B. Dimmitt, D. H. Clark, J. W. Boyl and M. X. Geske have returned from Dubuque.

Misses Mina and Leta Brace left Friday night for their home at Algona, Ia.

Miss Lydia Arnold of Monona has been spending the past week with the Debes family.

Miss Sue V. McLanahan home from Rock Island.

Oswald Olke of Farmersburg, Ia., a day in McGregor.

Joe Quigley arrived home from Chicago Thursday evening having spent the past four weeks.

Fred Sloan arrived home from Milwaukee to remain until after the holidays.

Patrick Kinney, an aged man, North McGregor was laid at rest the Catholic cemetery Friday.

Mrs. Albina Hatch, wife of late Judge Hatch, was found in her bed Wednesday morning the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kinsley. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon. She leaves to her loss three sons and one daughter. Two sons and the daughter were here.

THE IDLE ONE

The fellow who fits glasses and pretends to know how, wanders about from place to place seeking green pastures.

He finds the green places and leaves his glasses.

A little later you'll have eye troubles.

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CAPITAL MECCA FOR SCIENTISTS

Forty-two Societies Begin Meetings in Nearly Every Hall in Washington

CHEMISTS ELECT BIGELOW

National Department of Public Health Urged by the General Association

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Science has crowded politics off the boards in Washington this week. Forty-two societies, with 4,500 delegates, many of whom are in the government service, affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, began meetings in practically every public hall in Washington today.

While the American Folk Lore society was holding its joint meeting with the American Anthropological association, Dr. J. A. Holmes was explaining the work of the bureau of mines to the branch of mechanical science and engineering, and the American Chemical society was being addressed by Prof. W. D. Bancroft of Cornell university.

The Chemical society, which, with 5,700 members, is the largest organization of its kind in the world, elected W. D. Bigelow of the bureau of chemistry, Dr. Wiley's chief aide who was reprimanded by Taft during the recent attack of Dr. Wiley, to the board of four councilors of the organization. The general association will urge the establishment of a national department of public health, with its secretary a member of the president's cabinet.

ROOSEVELT BALKS AT PEACE DINNER

Former President Refuses to Attend Banquet Arranged by Taft's Friends

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—President Taft and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will not be brought together by the widely heralded peace banquet here Saturday night. The former president positively stated today that under no circumstances will he attend the peace banquet, despite the fact that, in deference to his known views, the committee arranging the dinner made it very plain that it did not plan the dinner as a boost for the Taft arbitration treaties.

Captain Millard J. Bloomer, secretary of the committee arranging the dinner, today made an unsuccessful attempt to have Colonel Roosevelt reconsider his refusal. He called on the associate editor and told him that the committee had decided that the dinner was in no way an endorsement of the Taft treaties, but simply a move for universal peace. Roosevelt, however, said under no circumstances would he attend.

The committee arranging the dinner is having its own troubles. Andrew Carnegie, who is to be one of the speakers, has prepared an address enthusiastically endorsing the Taft plans. The committee wants Carnegie to amend his speech, but so far he has refused. In addition to the committee, is insisting that he will have nothing to do with it and a committee called on him this afternoon to urge him to act.

"You can't put a man into a club of which he is a charter member," vigorously declared Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today in denouncing the New York Evening Post and in explaining that he had not tried to put that paper in the Ananias club. The colonel called in as witnesses to his contention that he had been "deliberately misquoted" by the Post, Hamilton Wright Mable, of the Outlook, and his assistant secretary, G. D. Wardrop. He accused the Post of "deliberate and wilful untruth," and "unpardonable and characteristic moral obliquity."

Fish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Felton at Warrens.

A very interesting program was given in the high school building Friday by the sophomores.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Shaw were recent visitors in Farr Valley.

Mr. John Sweet of Chicago is spending several days here with his parents.

Mr. Earl W. Eversmeyer is spending his vacation at his parental home in Iowa.

Mrs. W. A. Lee and daughter Fay were recent callers in La Crosse.

Mrs. Alex Arnold is spending the holidays at her parental home in Kilbourne avenue. Mr. Arnold is in Omaha this week, where he is exhibiting stock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gillette and son Henry are visiting at the home of Mr. S. H. Jay at Warrens.

Mr. William R. McMillan of Eureka, Cal., visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Warren, lately.

Ed Clark was a late caller in Wilton.

Mr. L. J. Roberts of Sparta was a business caller here lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crapp and daughter Edna are visiting at the home of Mr. Charles Taft on Monroe avenue.

Mr. H. L. Block of Milwaukee is visiting at the home of M. Wolf on Woodward avenue.

WHY ATTORNEY GENERAL QUIT

Simpson Resigned when Told Organization would Oppose Gubernatorial Candidacy

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—George T. Simpson, of Winona, attorney general of Minnesota for the past three years, who announced his retirement from public life August 17 to take effect January 1, 1912, has made public the reasons for his action.

Shortly before his letter of resignation Simpson made known to State Chairman Smith of the republican committee, his desire to become a candidate for governor. Mr. Smith told him that the "organization" would stand by Governor Eberhart, Mr. Simpson says. It was then he made his decision to retire.

"I did not want to fight the organization, so I made up my mind then and there to retire from public life," he said today.

ARISTOCRACY TO BLAME IF A WAR IS DECLARED

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policy to be given to us. We only pay the bills and find the soldiers, but if we allow a whisper to get out of Whitehall before treaties are signed and irrevocable contracts are made, then we are committing a great wrong. So the house of commons knows nothing, except by gossip until everything is settled, and then the foreign secretary comes down and tells that it is too late for profitable criticism and the aristocratic permanent officials laugh in their sleeves and go on ruling.

"This was well illustrated by the recent crisis with Germany. It is true that from the fourth to the twenty-first of December there was a mysterious silence in Berlin, as far as we were concerned, but if our foreign office had been at all sympathetic to Germany, it would not have listened to the little-tattle which it was hearing from Paris and perhaps from Madrid.

"It would have sent for the German ambassador, repeated its questions, expressed its fears and requested an answer immediately. What happened instead? Our foreign office said to itself 'Germany is silent; therefore she is plotting. Germany has given guarantees, but we cannot trust her,' and all the time the people were ignorant of the silly game that was being played by the department until Lloyd George thundered the mansion house speech across the North Sea.

May Lead to War

"The final form of that speech was settled by the Indian office. You can rely on the absolute fact.

"Do you think all this will lead to war with Germany?"

"If the present policy and the present men are retained, I am afraid it will. I am reliably informed that Sir Edward Grey's speech has persuaded many friends of England in Germany that we have made up our minds to thwart the empire in her political and economic expansion. Let that idea once become prevalent in Germany and war will be certain. I do not believe either the German or English people want such a calamity to happen."

"How do you explain the official friendship for Russia?"

"Partly as a sequel to our French entente, partly because the heads of our foreign office have happened to be individually pro-Russians. We enable the late premier of Russia to suppress, by wholesale judicial murder, not merely the revolutionary, but the reforming spirit in this country. We helped Russian credit and we stood by giving our moral support—but the foreign office officials have 'no damned sentiment about democracy.' We have been absolutely pliable in the hands of Russia."

Foreign Secretary Weak

When I questioned MacDonald about his remedy he disclaimed personal antagonism to Sir Edward Grey. "The present foreign secretary is responsible only insofar as he is weak," MacDonald said. "He cannot make his officials do what he asks them. If Grey went, another equally feeble man would take his place and we would be jumping from the frying pan into the fire. 'The devil in the machine,' is not Grey but the permanent officials and they can work diabolically simply because we allow them to work secretly."

"We must devise some means of restoring to the house of commons control over foreign affairs. When this is done there will be no entangling alliance with Russia, but close friendship with Germany."

SHOTS MOTHER WITH XMAS RIFLE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—Forty-eight hours after Santa Claus brought him a small rifle for a Christmas present, Harry Lowe, 10, shot his mother through the heart with it at their home here today.

She died three minutes later while the lad was frantically calling to her to speak to him. The boy was cleaning the "unloaded" rifle when it went off.

BODY BROUGHT HERE.

The body of Mrs. S. M. Luther, who died in Mason City, Iowa, will arrive in La Crosse tonight and burial will be made here.

NOTICE.

La Crosse Valley Lodge No. 149, I. O. O. F., cordially invites Gateway City and Normanna Lodge to assist in conferring Initiatory degree Thursday, December 28, at 8 p. m.

MRS. BOB WEARS BEAUTIFUL GOWNS

Wardrobe of Former Champion's Wife Totals \$3,400; All Are Imported; Furs Worth \$1,500

Bird of Paradise hat \$150
Velvet crown hat 75
White satin gown 300
Irish lace gown 300
White satin gown with muslin 175
White point d'espiage lace gown 175
Gown from Mandel's cloth, brocade and satin 400
Slippers and miscellaneous costumes 325
Total \$3,400

The above is the wardrobe of Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons now appearing at the Majestic theater. Perhaps the most beautiful gown of Mrs. Fitzsimmons' collection is that which she received today from Mandel Brothers, Chicago, which was imported from Paris by special order. This gown, which cost \$400 and which is cloth brocade satin, embroidered with pearl hand and brilliants, is one of the latest fashioned gowns and of the regular society model.

The Irish lace gown is something rarely seen in this country and is exceptionally expensive. This lace was purchased by Mrs. Fitzsimmons when she recently visited Ireland and was later handled by Mrs. Fitzsimmons' dressmaker in New York city. The lace of which this gown is made cost \$300.

The favorite gown of Mrs. Fitzsimmons is one of white satin foundation with a tunic of champagne bristle net and embroidered peacock feather designs and colors with borders of renaissance gold lace, which cost \$300.

A less expensive gown, but one which is quite as attractive, is the white satin gown with white muslin d'oisir with pink rose buds, frosted beads and silver girdle. This gown which was also imported cost \$175.

The white point d'espiage lace gown which completes the collection which will be used during her present engagement is one of the latest styles in the fashionable world. It is trimmed with blue chiffon and bands of crystal blue braid.

The two hats which are worn on the stage only, cost \$225. The bird of paradise hat is exceptionally beautiful and was purchased in the east a short time ago. The blue velvet crown hat is trimmed with point d'espiage lace with French flowers and heron akrette.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons declares that at no time does her wardrobe consist of less than \$3,000 worth of costumes.

MALTY HERE TO START WELL TEST

Says He Has No Doubt but that Quantity and Quality Will Be All that Is Desired

Engineer A. T. Maltby, in charge of the installing of the well system in La Crosse, is in the city today to look after some of the details in connection with the construction work and to gather data. He went to the wells this afternoon to make arrangements for tests to ascertain the quantity and quality of the water and to determine the distance the well must be from each other.

Mr. Maltby asserts that there is no doubt whatever about the fact that enough water can be pumped and that the quality will be good for it is his opinion that La Crosse has ideal conditions for a well system. His tests will be made in a few days and will take but a short time.

According to a statement this morning a special meeting of the common council will be called next week, probably Friday, to take up matters in regard to the well system and to look over plans. Both the plans and specifications are to be submitted to the aldermen for approval.

The well-sunk recently has not been completed because of adverse weather conditions.

CHRISTMAS MONEY

Those who have gift money to spend for their own personal use, should realize that the selection of a store immediately after the holiday business is not a matter of inferior moment.

With our usual modern methods, we have kept our stock replete with new goods every day, and a visit to the store may still fill the mind with awe and can only be viewed with the eye of contemplation.

Thus we reverse popular credulity and strengthen our prestige as the "gift shop."

Parker Jeweler
Majestic Building.

POETIC GENIUS DISCOVERED HERE

Donald Dean, Aged 14, Dedicates Composition on the "Christ Child" to Rev. Longbrake

La Crosse has a youthful poetic genius if the poem written by Donald Dean, aged fourteen years, 1129 Vine street, can be taken as a criterion of the ability he possesses. Donald Dean wrote a poem entitled the "Christ Child" on Christmas eve after he had attended the Christmas exercises at the Universalist church. After he had gone home that evening he wrote the poem on an inspiration and he dedicated it to Rev. George R. Longbrake of St. Paul's Universalist church, to whom he gave it as a Christmas gift.

Rev. Longbrake asserted this morning that of all the gifts he had ever received he prized this the most highly and he regards it as an excellent poem.

Following is the poem:

.....
THE CHRIST CHILD
.....

On Christmas Day the children
Over the great wide earth,
Are happy and gay and merry—
'Tis the day of the Christ-child's birth.

And they should be told the story
Of Jesus and His love,
Of how He loved all things,
From the lion to the dove.

Of how He was born in a manger,
Of the shepherds who kept watch then,
Of the angels joyously singing
Peace and good will to men.

Of how He grew into manhood,
This kind and good young child,
And how He was sweet and gentle,
And how He was fearless, yet mild.

And, now, my dear young friends,
You be like Him, I pray,
And I'm very sure that you will have
A merry Christmas Day.

MONEY IS STOLEN FROM WAITRESSES

For the second time in six months the rooms of the dining room girls of the Nora house have been entered and all visible cash removed. This morning at about 7 o'clock one of the girls discovered a man in her room and immediately rushed down stairs and raised an alarm, but when Mr. C. Matheson, proprietor, investigated, he found nobody in any of the rooms. Between \$6 and \$8 are missing.

Last fall a similar theft occurred and a larger sum was taken. From then on only small change was kept in the rooms.

Arthur Hall, Zumbro Falls, Minn., was arrested on the charge this morning, but upon being searched no money answering the description of that missing was found. However, he answers the description of the man seen in the room, and further investigation will be made before he is released.

FRANKLIN HELD TO SUPERIOR COURT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Bert Franklin, charged with bribing Robert Bain, a juror in the McNamara murder case, today was held to the superior court by Justice Young on his own recognizance. He is already under \$10,000 bail in connection with the charge that he tried to bribe George Lockwood, a prospective McNamara juror. When the continuance of the hearing on the bribery charge came up, the defense rested its case without submitting any evidence and the court immediately held Franklin.

BRITISH CONSUL MISSING

SHIRAZ, Persia, Dec. 27.—Fears are expressed today for the safety of British Consul Smart, missing since Indian troops, escorting him to Shiraz from Bushire, were fired upon by Persians. It is feared the consul has been slain or is held captive by the Persians, who are bitter towards England because it gave moral support to Russian occupation.

Having a wife who sits down on him occasionally is a wonderful help to a man's self control.

HE WILL NOT ASK FOR SUSPENSION

Thompson Says He Will Not Act as to McGrath Until the Grand Jury Does

In an interview today District Attorney James Thompson said he would not ask for the suspension of Detective McGrath until the grand jury formulates a charge against him. Such a charge, he said, would be in the form of an indictment or a presentment.

The interview was obtained after inquiries by citizens as to why a request for McGrath's suspension had not been made. The police commission, at its last meeting, passed a resolution offering to suspend any officers upon request of the civil authorities, pending the grand jury hearing.

It is pointed out that persons expecting to be investigated by the grand jury may be interested in influencing witnesses to leave the city, and that in view of the fact that two resort keepers have already left, and that a gambling house keeper has announced his intention of wintering in Florida, it would be well not only to secure suspension of policemen who will no doubt be investigated, but that if any legal steps to retain witnesses are available, they should be prevented from departing.

Mr. Thompson said today that he is still investigating the legal phase of the problem of how to prevent the departure of witnesses.

If the plan of Mr. Thompson is followed out, McGrath will have the privilege of visiting the various witnesses, in possession of his official authority, at least until Jan. 8, 1912.

ARREST FOILS A DYNAMITE PLOT

Suitcase Full of Explosive Leads Police to Suspect Scheme to Wreck Plants

MONESSEN, Pa., Dec. 27.—Geo. Bridges, arrested while carrying a suitcase containing seventy-two sticks of dynamite and with a roll of fuse concealed in his pocket, broke down the wall of silence in which he had enshrouded himself and gave the police the first real light on the case with the declaration: "I'm going to clear myself."

"I'll not take all the blame for this and the rest of them will have to take their medicine like me," he said.

Bridges promised the police he would make a "clean breast" of everything at the preliminary hearing late today.

The man told the police he lived for many years in Homestead where his mother still resides. He promised Burgess Daniel Reamer to furnish the names of all persons connected with the handling of the mysterious suitcase filled with enough dynamite to destroy the plants here, where 8,000 non-union men were employed.

Bridges, when arrested, had forty feet of fuse in the inside pocket and also carried two quarts of whiskey. He was intoxicated when arrested, but as the liquor wore off he became very nervous.

DEAD MAN MAY BE FORMER CITIZEN

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 27.—The bruised body of Edward Parker, who lived recently at La Crosse and Milwaukee, Wis., where he has relatives still living, according to letters found in his pockets, was found by the side of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks in Oakley by Dr. Berry late yesterday morning. His neck was broken, besides which he had received several bruises. Investigation by Coroner Coe resulted in the finding of a large package of letters, one of these from an attorney in La Crosse, telling him that his divorce case had been set for hearing. Joseph Webber, saloon-keeper, near where the body was found, says he heard five shots from a revolver in rapid succession Monday night. No bullet wound, however, were found on the dead man's body. Parker's brother is believed to be a Wells Fargo express agent at La Crosse. His mother is said to be an inmate of the Wisconsin Veterans' home. He was about 55 years old.

AMERICAN MADE TO BE BOYCOTTED

Russia Plans Range on United States Commerce for Abrogation Treaty

PERSIANS COURT MARALED

Shuster will Travel through Czar's Domain on His Way Home from Persia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Official confirmation of the movement in the Russian duma to boycott all American products was received at the state department today from Ambassador Guild, at St. Petersburg. The dispatch stated that the Moscow representatives were taking the initiative. The boycott will be directed especially at American machinery, it is said, but an effort will be made to have all commerce with the United States cut off as a result of the abrogation by the United States of the treaty of 1832.

Russia to Guard Shuster

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—W. Morgan Shuster, the deposed American treasurer-general of Persia, will leave Persia by the Russian route, according to a dispatch received from Minister Russell, by the state department today. Russell said that Shuster and his family would go via Baku and Batumi.

It is supposed here that Shuster will be given a Russian escort and a safe passage through Russia.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN NET OF THE LAW

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—Five hundred dollars for "curing" a cold, diagnosed as "deterioration of the lungs;" \$87.50 for stopping a headache, and \$142 for medicine for a "weak heart," were some of the items mentioned by all aged victims of John J. Weltzman's "medical association" in a hearing before Assistant Health Commissioner Jordan here today. Jordan is gathering data to prosecute Weltzman for practicing medicine without a license.

According to the books of the "association," Weltzman and his assistants cleared \$1,796 in the two weeks before Christmas. About \$5,000 more was due from patients and was to be paid in installments. On the cards on which the patients' records were kept were shown the "diagnosis made," and the "actual diagnosis." In one case, according to Special Officer Lawrence, the "diagnosis made" was bronchitis, while the "actual diagnosis" was baldness.

DEAD MAN MAY BE FORMER CITIZEN

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 27.—The bruised body of Edward Parker, who lived recently at La Crosse and Milwaukee, Wis., where he has relatives still living, according to letters found in his pockets, was found by the side of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks in Oakley by Dr. Berry late yesterday morning. His neck was broken, besides which he had received several bruises. Investigation by Coroner Coe resulted in the finding of a large package of letters, one of these from an attorney in La Crosse, telling him that his divorce case had been set for hearing. Joseph Webber, saloon-keeper, near where the body was found, says he heard five shots from a revolver in rapid succession Monday night. No bullet wound, however, were found on the dead man's body. Parker's brother is believed to be a Wells Fargo express agent at La Crosse. His mother is said to be an inmate of the Wisconsin Veterans' home. He was about 55 years old.

SILVER SERVICE FOR THE "FLORIDA"



PENSACOLA, Florida.—The \$10,000 silver service presented to the battleship "Florida" by the people of that state is one of the most beautiful sets possessed by any of the battleships. Governor Gilchrist of Florida made the presentation. The funds for its purchase were advanced by popular subscription aided by a generous appropriation by the state legislature.

TRIBUNE WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

Grain
Produce

WANTED---MALE

Men to learn barber
Few weeks completes.
Finish at busiest season.
Many excellent positions.
See our offer. Write to
Barber College, Milwaukee
21 23 1 20

Competent and experi-
tea and coffee store man-
agew managers, wagon and
house salesmen, or will take
men, between the ages of 26
years, with grocery or laun-
dery experience and teach them the
business anywhere in the middle
west. Opening new branches daily.
Salary and commission. Position now
open. \$15 to \$40 weekly. None but
class men need apply. Call at
8 Vine street, La Crosse, or write
Jewel Tea Co., Chicago, Ill.
12 25 30

ANTED---Teamster, steady man
for coal wagon, 2024 Campbell
avenue. 12 26 27

WANTED---Clerk in music store;
must be a good player and read
music at sight. Address P. O. Box
637, La Crosse, Wis. 12 27 29

AGENTS WANTED---Out of a job
or looking for a better one?
Would you work for us if we show
how to make fifteen dollars per
week and up, without cost to you?
Free supplies and part expenses.
Write The Hawks Co., Wauwatosa,
Wis. 12 27 1 2

HELP WANTED---FEMALE

WANTED---Kitchen girls at the
Stoddard Hotel. 12 27 29

WANTED---Competent girl for gen-
eral housework; small family. 818
Cass, lower east flat. 12 27 30

WANTED---Girl for general house-
work, at 221 South Tenth street.
12 27 29

FOR SALE

FOR SALE---Two heavy lumber
wagon springs. 2317 Green Bay
street. 12 23 29

FOR SALE---Piano, and folding
bed. 1012 State street. New
phone 668-C. 11 17 tf

FOR SALE---Hand power elevator,
cheap. Fred Dittman Hardware
Co. 12 16 tf

FOR SALE---One brick house, three
big lots, at a bargain, on 1593
Travis. Old phone 433. 12 6 tf

FOR SALE---Set of bob sleighs. In-
quire 118 South Ninth. 12 19 tf

FOR SALE---Five acres Alabama
tobacco land. Town lot, 20 shares
stock, at a bargain. Dr. Watterson.
12 9 tf

FOR SALE---Cheap, household fur-
niture and stoves. 127 North
Seventh. 12 22 28

FOR SALE---Cutter, 1709 Mississip-
pi. 12 26 1 1

FOR SALE---16 shot repeater 22
rifle, \$5.00, if taken at once. 410
North Sixth street. 12 26 28

FOR SALE---Fine pianos. Pianos
tuned. A. Ruhoff, 910 S. 7th.
11 1 1 tf

FOR SALE---One set new sleigh
runners for light wagon, \$6.00.
910 South Seventeenth. New phone
435-R. 12 27 29

FOR SALE---One of the best farms
in Trempealeau county; 287 acres,
240 under plow; 2 wells and mills,
house, barn, granary, ice house, hog
house, chicken house and store
house. School 3/4 miles. R. F. D.,
Galesville, 2 miles. Owner wishes to
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FOR RENT

FOR RENT---Furnished rooms for
light housekeeping. 709 South
Fourth. 11 30 tf

FOR RENT---Two well furnished
rooms, with bath and heat, in good
location. 308 North Seventh street.
12 1 1 tf

FOR RENT---Modern house, except
furnace. 812 Redfield. 12 6 tf

FOR SALE---House and lot, 137
South Twelfth. Inquire 121 South
Third. 8 16 tf

FOR RENT---Modern furnished
rooms, with or without board.
137 West avenue south. 11 25 tf

FOR RENT---Seven room house,
Sixteenth and Market, mostly
modern. Rent \$15 per month. New
phone 994. 12 23 tf

FOR RENT---After Dec. 10, modern
nine room house, 421 South 4th
street. Inquire Clark & Clark, 322
South Fifth. 12 20 tf

FOR RENT---Five room house, 417
South Sixth. New phone 1251-C.
12 14 tf

FOR RENT---Strictly modern, fur-
nished flat. Call new phone
1175-M. 12 9 tf

FOR RENT---Six room house, 1417
Farnam street. 12 18 30

YOU MAKE NO MISTAKE when you
use Barker's Remedy. At
Runckel's. 12 1 31

FOR RENT---Furnished rooms,
modern. 130 North Seventh.
11 28 tf

FOR RENT---All modern house, al-
so store building. Good location.
Apply 824 Rose or 822 Mill street.
Phone 1093-A. 10 31 tf

FOR RENT---Four rooms, 728 Di-
vision. Inquire 935 Market.
11 25 tf

FOR RENT---Furnished room, city
heat, at 125 South Tenth.
12 27 1 3

FOR RENT---Pleasant lower flat,
407 South Ninth. 12 27 1 1

FOR RENT---Six room cottage in
good condition, \$8 per month.
1503 Johnson. 12 27 29

FOR RENT---Three rooms, strictly
modern, city heat, suitable for
light housekeeping. 618 Cass.
12 27 tf

FOR RENT---Both sides of a double
house at the corner of Fourth and
Pine streets. Very reasonable. Ask
Security Savings bank, 110 North
Fourth. 11 15 tf

FOR RENT---Rooms, modern. 219
South Ninth. 12 12 tf

FOR RENT---Modern city heated
flat, \$22.50. Call 219 South
Tenth street. 11 23 tf

FOR RENT---Store, now occupied by
Story & Clark Piano company, at
322 South Fourth street, after Feb.
1. 12 26 30 1 11

FOR RENT---Two connecting rooms
suitable for three or four students
or light housekeeping. 351 North
Seventh street. 12 26 28

FOR RENT---Store 313 Pearl street.
Inquire of Joseph Boschert, Nat-
ional Bank of La Crosse. 12 12 tf

MISCELLANEOUS

GOOD BOARDING in private fam-
ily. Reasonable. 527 King.
12 27 1 3

GOOD TEAMS WANTED for work
in Iowa and Missouri. Two to three
years work. Will rent or buy. Ad-
dress Harris & Bardin, Keokuk,
Iowa, or call Manufacturers' Supply
Co., Minneapolis, Minn. 12 25 28

CUT RATES on household goods to
Pacific coast and other points. Su-
perior service at reduced rates. The
Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis,
Minn.

MONEY to loan on household goods.
J. W. Smith, 311 Pearl street.
Dec. 20 Jan. 19.

LIENFELD'S GASOLINE WOOD
SAWING---New phone 1247M.
10 24 tf

Financial

LOANS MADE SALARIED PEOPLE
on furniture, pianos, horses, wag-
ons. No removal, no publicity. La
Crosse Mortgage & Loan Co. 322
Fourth street, upstairs.

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIA-
TION loans on real estate. 11 6 tf

Funeral Directors

MILLEK BROS., undertakers and
embalmers, 320 Main. Phone
286. Open day and night.

Lost

LOST---Small hand bag containing
money and card with owner's
name, on Third street, between
Ferry and Cameron. Finder please
leave at Tribune office. Reward.
12 27 tf

LOST---Between Barron's store and
412 North Sixth street, a library
set consisting of scissors, letter
opener and shield. Reward if re-
turned to 412 North Sixth, or phone
1073-M. 12 27 27

LOST---Part of a gold watch fob be-
tween Wood and Avon streets.
Finder please notify 1933 Wood St.
12 27 29

LOST---White female fox terrier,
brown ears. Return to 513 Cass.
Reward. 12 26 28

LOST---A wrist watch. Suitable re-
ward for return to F. H. Fowler.
12 26 27

LOST---Small black water spaniel,
with white spot on breast. Call 206
South Seventh. Reward. 12 26 28

LOST---Monday morning, belt pin,
between Sixth and Main and
Twelfth and Cass. Finder please de-
liver to 502 South Fourteenth.
12 26 28

LOST---Saturday evening between
Fourteenth and Main and the li-
brary, child's small silver mesh
purse, containing some silver. Finder
please leave at The Tribune of-
fice. 12 26 28

Dentist

DR. A. T. RASMUSSEN, Rooms 210-
211 Linker Bldg., Fourth & Main.
Office hours 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5.

Architects, Superintendents
ANDREW ROTH --- Successor to
Schick & Roth. Architect and su-
perintendent. La Crosse, Wis.

Public Stenography

TYPEWRITING, copying, stenog-
raphy, multiple letters, addressing,
by experts. W. V. Kidder, 312-314
MacMillan building. 6 p tf

DAILY MARKETS

CORN PRICES A LITTLE LOWER

A decline of 3c from former prices
was noted in the prices on corn
on the local markets today, new
corn being quoted at 45 to 52c. Old
corn is not quoted there being prac-
tically none on the market at present.

In egg prices, quotations on fresh
eggs remain steady, while storage
eggs are a cent lower.

Fruit

(Quoted by John A. Burns.)
Apples, per bbl. \$3.50
Grape fruit, 54-64 \$4.50
Grapes, Almeria, per bbl. \$1.50-\$5.00
Oranges, Cal., 150-175-200 216 \$3.50
Cranberries, per bbl. \$8.50
Oranges, Fla., 96-126 \$3.00
Lemons, 300-360 box \$4.50
Bananas, bunch \$1.25 to \$1.75
Walnut dates, box \$1.10
Apples, Ben Davies, bbl. \$2.25-\$2.75
Baldwins, per bbl. \$3.50 to \$3.75
Russets, per bbl. \$3.50 to \$3.75
Jonathans, per bbl. \$4.00 to \$4.25
Pears, Winter Nellis, box \$3.90
Persian dates, pound .8c
Celery 15-20-30c
Potatoes, bushel .80 to .85c
Oysters, Standard, gal. \$1.25
Oysters, Can Selects .40c
Oysters, Selects, gal. \$1.60
Onions, brown, per hundred \$2.50
Onions, yellow & Red per hun. \$2.90

Flour and Feed

(Quoted by the Listman Milling Co.)
Patent, barrel . \$5.50
Straight, barrel . \$5.00
Mill Feed
(Prices do not include sacks.)
Bran, per ton . \$25.00
Shorts, per ton . \$26.00
White middlings, per ton . \$29.00
Red Dog, per ton . \$20.00

Livestock

(By Langdon & Boyd Packing Co.)
Hogs . \$5.00 to \$5.50
Cows . \$2.90 to \$3.75
Heifers . \$2.50 to \$4.00
Lambs . \$4.00 to \$4.50

DOMESTIC MARKETS

New York Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.---Trading
was dull at the opening of the stock
market today and price changes
were fractional.

11 a. m.---Price movements during
the first hour were irregular.
Governments unchanged; other
bonds firm.

Noon---Market was firm in the late
forenoon and early afternoon.

2 p. m.---The market was dull but
firm in the afternoon.

The stock market closed heavy.

New York Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.---Money
on call 3 1/2 per cent.

Time money 4 per cent for six
months.

Bar silver: London 25 11-16d.;
New York 54 1/2c.

Demand sterling 486.05 @ 486.10

Kansas City Livestock

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.---
Cattle---Receipts 6,000; market
steady; steers \$5.00 to \$8.75; cows
and heifers \$2.75 to \$7.00; stockers
and feeders \$4.00 to \$6.00; calves
\$4.00 to \$7.00.

Hogs---Receipts 8,000; market
steady; bulk 6.00 to \$6.35; heavy
\$6.25 to \$6.40; medium \$6.15 to
\$6.35; light \$5.85 to \$6.25.

Sheep---Receipts 4,000; market
10c lower; lambs \$4.50 to \$6.25;
ewes \$2.50 to \$3.75; wethers and
yearlings \$2.00 to \$3.50.

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.---Hogs---Receipts 30,000; market
strong; \$5.90 to \$6.40; \$6.00 to
\$6.40; \$6.00 to \$6.15; \$5.30 to
\$6.25; \$4.80 to \$5.80.

Cattle---Receipts 18,500; market
steady; \$4.85 to \$8.80; \$2.00 to
\$6.16; \$3.25 to \$5.75; \$4.20 to
\$5.75; \$4.75 to \$7.25.

Sheep---Receipts 25,000; market
weak; \$2.50 to \$4.25; \$2.75 to
\$4.25; \$4.25 to \$6.35; \$4.50 to
\$6.30.

Barley and Flax

Minneapolis barley 75c to \$1.20.
Minneapolis flax \$2.11.

Chicago barley 75c to \$1.30.
Duluth flax \$2.11 1/2c.

Chicago Barley

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.---Cash barley
75c to \$1.30.

Chicago Cash Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.---Cash grain:
Wheat---No. 2 red 96 to 97c; No. 3
red 94 to 96c; No. 2 hard 97c to
\$1.01; No. 3 hard 95 to 98c; No. 3
spring, old 95c to \$1.00; new \$1.00
to \$1.05.

Corn---No. 2 yellow, old 72 to 73c;
No. 3, 61 1/4 to 61 1/2c; No. 3 yellow
61 1/2 to 62c; No. 4, 58 to 59c; No.
4 white 58 1/2 to 59c; No. 4 yellow
58 to 59 1/2c.

Oats---No. 3 white 46 1/4 to 47 1/4c;

Sheep \$2.00 to \$3.00
Steers \$3.50 to \$4.50

Poultry

Spring Chickens 9c
Old chickens 9c
Turkeys, pound 12 to 14c
Ducks, pound 11c
Geese, pound 9c

Provisions

Lard, per pound 10 1/2 to 11c
Shoulders, per pound 10 1/2c
Hams, per pound 15 to 15 1/2c
Bacon 15 to 19c
Dry beef, per pound 17 to 19c

Butter and Eggs

(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)
Creamery butter, lb. 36 to 37c
Dairy butter, lb. 32 to 35c
Eggs, fresh, dozen 32c
Eggs, storage, dozen 24c
Eggs, seconds, dozen 22c

Hides and Raw Fur

(Quoted by La Crosse Fur and Hide
Company.)
No 1 cured cows, heifers and
steers 11 to 12c
No 1 cured bulls 9 to 10c
No 1 green, cows, heifers and
steers 7 to 8c
No 1 green, bulls 7 to 8c
No 1 cured veal calf 15 to 16c
No 1 green, veal calf 13 to 14c
No 1 green, veal kip 10 to 11c
Mink prime \$2

SPORTING NEWS

CHICAGO PLANS
FOR 1912 A.B.C.

Bowling Tournament Will Decide Championship of United States; \$30,000 to Be Awarded

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Chicago is completing plans for handling the twelfth annual tournament of the American bowling congress, which will be held in this city starting March 2 and lasting for three full weeks. For the first time in the history of the congress the titles won here will be branded as "world's championships," official sanction having been secured by President Charles A. Comiskey, the head of the Chicago Bowling Tournament company, which is running the event, from the national body for the use of the "world" designation.

Beyond question the coming tournament will exceed all others both in number of clubs entered and in size of the prize list, the more conservative estimates on the cash to be awarded being placed at \$30,000, while at the other end the hopeful promoters figure that nearly \$40,000 will be distributed after the smoke clears away. National Secretary Abe Langtry figures on only 550 clubs, while National Treasurer Frank L. Pasdeloup, who is also a member of the Chicago Tournament company and better acquainted with the Chicago situation, figures that it will run over 600. Other estimates run as high as 710 clubs, figuring that Illinois alone will enter 400 clubs, or almost as many as the greatest total entry ever secured.

FRANK D. REED
QUITS COURT JOB

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 27.—Frank D. Reed, for nearly seventeen years deputy clerk and court reporter of the United States circuit and district courts for the western district of Wisconsin, announced his resignation today, to take effect on January 1. He will become associated with William R. Bagley in the practice of law in this city. He has held the position he now leaves ever since his graduation from the college of law of the University of Wisconsin in 1895, and has been officially connected with all the litigation in the federal courts in Madison, Superior, La Crosse and Eau Claire in that long period. He will be succeeded by George C. Holmes, attorney at law, of Spokane, Wash., formerly a member of the firm of Eulass & Holmes, court reporters of Chicago.

JACK REDMOND TO
MEET BAT NELSON

WAUKEGEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—Jack Redmond with his manager, Ted Murphy, left yesterday afternoon for New Orleans, where the local waiter-pugilist will take on Bat Nelson over a twenty round route on December 31. If the "come back Dane" fails to appear, Joe Mandot will substitute. Agreements call for 133 pounds at 2:00 o'clock.

"If Redmond defeats Nelson," said Murphy, "I will get right after the scalp of one Knockout Brown and put any reasonable side bet."

MAY BUILD SOXVILLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The latest thing in baseball training camps has been uncovered by Charles Comiskey and Manager Callahan of the White Sox. Judson Carnes, a Texas real estate boomer, has offered to build them a brand new town if they will agree to dedicate the town and make their training ground for a term of ten years.

PTOMAIN KILLS EIGHTEEN
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Eighteen lodgers at the Municipal night shelter died today of ptomaine poisoning caused by eating smoked herring. Ruthless they had purchased at a near-Estlin. Physicians succeeded in saving the lives of twelve of the thirty. Eleven others.

"HOBBO KING" RESIGNS
LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—No longer will James Eads How, the millionaire hobo, lead the sons of the city in the campaigns for better conditions. How resigned the presidency of the brotherhood welfare association last night. His successor is Geo. Meyers, formerly secretary of the association.

JOE JEANNETTE
AFTER JOHNSON

Goes to Chicago to Force Jack to Accept Terms for a Ring Battle; Negro Wants \$10,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Joe Jeannette is in Chicago with the avowed intention of forcing Jack Johnson to sign articles for a world's championship fight. He did not see Johnson, but he did make a lot of talk about a fight, however, and spoke of a \$5,000 forfeit he had posted in New York to bind a match. His conversation drew from Johnson the terms under which he can get a chance at the crown.

"I'll be glad to meet Jeannette Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 and discuss a match," said Johnson last night. "It would be too bad for him to come to Chicago to force me into a fight, and then not even get to see me."

Jeannette is speaking about \$5,000 forfeit he has put up. If he wishes to meet me tomorrow at the hour I have stated, I'll post a \$10,000 side bet for him to cover. He can't have the fight unless he shows enough confidence to back himself to this extent. In addition, I must get \$30,000 for my end of the purse, win, lose or draw."

GOTCH TO CLASH
WITH ENGLISHMAN

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, is fully prepared for his match tonight with Alec Munroe, champion of Great Britain. Although Gotch insists that he has worked faithfully, it is believed by his friends that the champion takes the bout as a joke and expects to be returned an easy victor. Munroe is a willing grappler who never grows tired but many believe that although he has never lost a bout he is too inexperienced to cope with the champion.

KENNEDY-MORRIS
FIGHT TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two events that stand out above all others on the list of this week's boxing bouts will bring into action a quartette of the leading white heavyweights. Tomorrow Carl Morris, the rejuvenated white hope, and Tom Kennedy will furnish entertainment for the members of the Empire Athletic club, while on the following night lightweights Al Palzer and Big Al Kaufman will come together in the National Athletic club.

KAUFMAN READY
FOR AL PALZER

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Al Kaufman is in prime condition for his fight tomorrow night with Al Palzer before the National Sporting club. Kaufman's last entry in the ring was when he was flattened out by Fireman Jim Flynn and he is hopeful of "coming back." Palzer has trained hard for the fight and is confident that he will be able to whip Billy Delaney's protégé.

CURLEY AFTER JACK

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 27.—Jack Curley will leave for Chicago Friday hoping to conclude an agreement with Jack Johnson whereby the big smoke will meet Fireman Jim Flynn of Pueblo in a distance battle for the championship of the world. Curley has already wired Johnson an offer of \$20,000 cash, win, lose or draw, and it is expected that he may increase this to \$25,000 or \$30,000 in order to get Johnson's signature.

Curley wants to hold the proposed fight in Nevada, but it is doubtful whether the people of that state would tolerate another affair like the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

SOCIETY ACTRESS RECOGNIZED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—It was learned today that Miss Dorothy Gilder, daughter of the late Richard Watson Gilder, poet and a former editor of the Century Magazine, is playing in "Kismet," a drama which opened at a local theater last night. Miss Gilder tried to hide her identity under the name of "Miss Coleman," but her society friends recognized her through the grease paint and revealed her identity today.

Fresh Oysters

Fresh Standard solid
pack oysters, 35c
quart

DOERFLINGERS

AUTO SCARFS,
line, priced at
showing every fas-
tionable shade and
color, priced

Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale

CONTINUES THRU
THE WEEK

This Annual Sale embraces an immense collection of broken and discontinued lines, small lots, etc., accumulated from the past season's business, on which cost or former selling prices are lost sight of; our primary object being to clear the merchandise out by January 1st. We also include our regular and most complete lines on which we have made sharp reductions.

FLANNELETTE GOWNS

Big assortment of styles and patterns, excellent made flannelette gowns. Slightly soiled and mussed, but in perfect condition otherwise. At 1/2

CHILDREN'S BONNETS

Exactly 3 dozen curly bear, plush fur, and cloth caps, in white or colored, left from the season's business. Prices range regularly at 75c to \$5.98, priced now, At 1/2

CHILDREN'S COATS

Just 80 Winter Coats, showing most all styles and materials, broadcloth, caracul, plush, flannel and mixtures, in blacks or colored. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Every one new and up to date, selling regular at \$4.98 to \$12.50, choice less 1/3



FURS AND FUR COATS

Choice of our entire stock of fur sets, pieces and Coats. Showing all styles and prices in Hudson Seal, natural Brown Coney, Black Pony, Sable-dyed Squirrel, Japanese Mink, Natural Marmot, Smoked Fox, Black Lynx, Rich Mink, Natural and Dyed Raccoon, Sables, Martens, Sitka, Red and Black Fox, Brook Mink, Gray Wolf, priced choice less

KIMONAS Made in assorted flannelettes, crepe or fleece. Ranging in price 98c to \$2.98. Choice

BATH ROBES Pretty assorted colors, all sizes, regularly priced at \$3.25 to \$6.50. Choice

SILK KIMONAS Wide range of pretty styles and patterns that sold at \$5.00 to \$10.00. Choice

FLANNELETTE SACQUES Handsomely assorted, various priced 50c to \$1.25. Choice

1/4 OFF

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FLANNELETTE GOWNS

Just 3 dozen novelty gowns, made in best grade flannelette, all sold originally to \$2.50; priced to close quick, choice \$1.25

Cotton Taffeta PETTICOATS

6 dozen in all black cotton taffeta petticoats. All well made, first grade in every respect. Selling every day at 50c. Choice to close at once 25c

WOMEN'S FUR COATS \$10.00

Just 6 Near Seal Coats, quantity and sizes as follows: two 34, two 36, two 38; also one blended Mink, size 38; most all have large roll collars and all are hip length and fitted to the waist. These coats sold regularly at \$25 to \$65, on sale to close quick, choice \$10

CHOICE OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF TOYS JUST 1/2 PRICE

Nothing reserved—all marked in plain figures. Everything human ingenuity could devise in Toys for little girls and boys. Come and take your pick at

CHOICE OF OUR Japanese China JUST 1/2 PRICE

Big assortment of beautiful Japanese Fancy China, various designs and sizes, Cups and Saucers, Berry Sets, Cake Plates, Vases, Sugar and Creamers, Butter Dishes, etc. Take your choice at

Pre-Inventory Sale of Dress Goods

Every yard of our immense stock on sale, thousands of yards must go before Jan. 1st

\$1.00 All Wool Dress Goods 49c

Fashionable pin size check in reds, greys, blues, greens, navies, and browns — guaranteed strictly all wool, thoroughly shrunken and fast dyed. Suitable for either house or street dresses, or children's school dresses. Choice per yard 49c

75c Panamas, 50 inches wide 39c

75c Canadian Broadcloth 39c

\$1.25 Silk and Wool Gloria Silk 75c

\$5.00 Silk Caracul Cloaking, black \$2.98

\$1.25 Cream Serges, hairline stripe, in black 75c

\$1.25 Diagonal Cream Serge, 44 in., all wool 75c

50c Heavy Robe Flannels at 25c

25 pieces exactly, best quality, extra heavy bath robe and smoking jacket flannels. All fashionable patterns and colorings, selling regularly every day at 50c. Choice to close, just one-half price, or 25c

REILING AND SCHOEN'S Silk and Wool Poplins

No restriction—take your choice—two big lots of this world renowned make, showing every color, shade and pattern made, and no matter what you want, we open this sale with it in stock. Every shade and color—new jacquard and polka dot effects, etc., 40 and 45 inch wide, selling at \$2.00 and \$2.50.

LOT 1—Twenty-five pieces, all shades, selling regularly at \$2.00, choice 98c

LOT 2—All the newest shades and patterns, very highest grades, selling at \$2.50, choice \$1.25

\$2.00 Covert Cloths 98c

\$2.00 extra fine Flannels 98c

\$1.75 Diagonal Serges 98c

\$1.25 Diagonal Serges 69c

65c Worsted Plaids 38c

65c Hairline Stripes 38c

\$1.00 Tamrise Cloth 65c

\$2.00 Cream Serges \$1.25

\$1 fine French Voiles at 49c

\$1.65 Tussah Royals at 98c

30c Popular Materials at 16c

\$1.00 Mohair Suitings at 43c

All Wool Broadcloth at 69c

\$1.25 all Wool Taffeta at 69c

\$2.50 to \$3.00 Cloaking at \$1.50

\$1.50 Black Cheviots at 49c

\$1.50 Wool Serges at 75c

20 Cent Kimona Flannels at 10c

Exactly 50 pieces of handsome kimona flannels, featuring the newest shades in pink, blue, tans, lavender, greys, navies and black. Entire stock of 15c, 18c and 20c quality, placed in one big lot, choice per yard 10c

65c Veiling and Batistes at 38c

\$1.50 elegant Mannish Suitings 75c

65c fine Granite Dress Goods 39c

35c Foxford Suitings at 17 1/2 c

39c Eiderdown Cloaking at 25c

65c Panamas and Voiles at 38c

12 1/2c and 15c Flannelettes, 7 1/2c

Showing the newest effects dark and medium and Persian patterns. Excellent weight, all new and desirable in every respect. Choice from our entire stock, all 12 1/2 and 15c grades, to close quick, at 7 1/2 c

SILKS ARE SLAUGHTERED IN PRICE

Thousands of yards must go in a week, before inventory, Jan. 1. Kinds and quantities are too numerous to mention, but you'll find every desirable kind, weight and shade for waists, dresses, or evening gowns. Messaline, Taffeta, Surah, Bengelines, Foulards—Thursday, two big lots:

LOT 1—2,000 yards Novelty, all shades, showing all shades. Values up to 75c, 85c and \$1.00. Choice 39c

LOT 2—3,000 yards high grade plain fancy and Novelty Silks. All new desirable shades. Values \$1, \$1.25 \$1.50 49c

HERE IT IS

Here comes that old winter we have been expecting. Is your coal bin full? Better see to it now. Fill it with our BLACK JO coal. It will mean satisfaction later on.

"Not Better than the Best, but Better than the Rest."

LA CROSSE COAL CO.

"NOTHING BUT GOOD COAL"

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Holiday STATIONERY

Showing various kinds of paper and envelopes to match, packed in Christmas boxes — all high grade, either linen finish or all linen, ranging in price to \$2.49, now—

Priced at Half

Women's NECKWEAR

All new, late creations, jabots, side effects, etc., also aviation ties — collars, cascades, stocks, sailor and other collars. Choice of entire lot—

HALF PRICE

"Moore" Heaters and Ranges

Our entire line of this well known popular make, showing all sizes, styles and prices. Choice, discounted exactly—

10 Per Cent